

# 2006 Annual Report of the Adjutant General to the Governor



Michigan Department of Military and Veterans Affairs  
Major General Thomas G. Cutler







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Honorable Jennifer M. Granholm  
Governor of Michigan  
State Capitol  
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Dear Gov. Granholm,

It is my privilege to present to you the Department of Military and Veterans Affairs Annual Report for fiscal year 2006. As I reflect on the year, I know the Guardsmen and civilian employees of the Department of Military and Veterans Affairs served their nation and state exceptionally well. As you know, however, it was accomplished at great cost. By the end of the fiscal year, we had lost seven Michigan National Guard Soldiers and 32 Michigan Armed Service members from the active duty or other reserve components in support of Operations Iraqi Freedom and Enduring Freedom. May we never forget their service and their sacrifice.

I would like to thank you for your attendance at the dedication ceremony of our Global War on Terrorism "Fallen Heroes Memorial" at Camp Grayling. I'm sure the families of our Michigan National Guard heroes were comforted to know their loved ones will not be forgotten.

The Base Closure and Realignment Commission challenge we faced in 2005 caused initial anxiety among the troops at this threat of job loss and transition. But thanks to your support and the support of our other elected representatives and leadership at the National Guard Bureau, we are on the cusp of tremendous opportunities for growth. The new potential missions at both the Battle Creek and Selfridge Air National Guard bases hold great hope for the future.

Yes, it was another challenging and busy year. Whether we were lobbying to keep our bases open, assisting with Gulf Region hurricane recovery, deploying members to assist with Operation Jump Start, or fighting the Global War on Terrorism, our Soldiers, Airmen, and Department of Military and Veterans Affairs state and federal employees did it all with exceptional dedication and professionalism. I am extremely proud of them, and thank you for your support of this great team!

We will continue to support our federal missions by providing highly qualified and motivated Airmen and Soldiers to the Balkans, Middle East, and other regions of the world. At the same time, those military and civilian employees who are not forward deployed will continue to defend and serve our "home front"!

Respectfully,

THOMAS G. CUTLER  
Maj. Gen., MIANG  
The Adjutant General



Front cover: A young patriot walks amid the welcome home sign as he awaits a loved one at the 1072nd Maintenance Company's homecoming ceremony. More than 200 Guardsmen from the Detroit based company mobilized in July 2005 and returned from deployment in October 2006. Photo by Sgt. Gabriel Morse



Inside cover: Phoebe Brown holds a welcome home poster that she made for her mother, Capt Audrey Brown, who just returned home from a five week long deployment with the 210th Military Police, Michigan Army National Guard, in support of Hurricanes Katrina and Rita relief efforts. Photo by Staff Sgt. Helen Miller

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# Michigan Department of Military and Veterans Affairs

The Michigan Department of Military and Veterans Affairs has three primary missions: to execute the duties laid down by various state statutes and the governor, to administer state regulated services and to ensure preparedness of the Michigan National Guard to assist both state and federal authorities.

Under the National Defense Act, the Army and Air National Guard are reserve components of the United States Army and Air Force.



## **Adjutant General and Director**

The governor appoints the adjutant general to serve during his or her term in office. Maj. Gen. Thomas G. Cutler serves as the adjutant general and director of the Department of Military and Veterans Affairs.



## **Veterans Affairs Director**

Brig. Gen. Carol Ann Fausone is the assistant adjutant general of Veterans Affairs and director of Michigan's Veterans homes and the Michigan Veterans Trust Fund.



## **Assistant Adjutant General for Army**

Col James Anderson is the chief executive of the Michigan Army National Guard and has dual role of deputy director of the Department of Military and Veterans Affairs and assistant adjutant general for Army.



## **Homeland Security Director**

Col. Michael McDaniel is the assistant adjutant general and the director of the Michigan Department of Military and Veterans Affairs Homeland Security program.



## **Assistant Adjutant General for Air**

Brig. Gen. Richard G. Elliott is the commander of the Michigan Air National Guard and has the dual role of deputy director of the Department of Military and Veterans Affairs and assistant adjutant general for Air.



## **United States Property and Fiscal Office Director**

Col. Steven R. Barner is the director of the United States Property and Fiscal Office, a position appointed by the Chief of the National Guard Bureau upon the recommendation of the governor.



# Quality Advisor

## **Strategic Planning / Organizational Development Office**

The Strategic Planning Office was formed in FY-05 and restructured in FY-06. Under the restructuring, The Adjutant General's Quality Cup Program and Army National Guard's Strategic Planning and Organizational Performance Excellence Programs remained. The Air National Guard, Homeland Security, and Veterans Affairs directorates assumed full program responsibilities for strategic planning and organizational development. Additionally, the Joint Strategic Planning office (J5) and Joint Training office (J7) realigned with Joint Operations office (J3) for a consolidated J3/5/7 division.

### **The Adjutant General's 2006 Quality Cup**

The Adjutant General's Quality Cup Award recognizes team efforts that improve quality of services provided by the Department of Military and Veterans Affairs. The annual submission recognizes four award levels: Gold, Silver, Bronze and Honorable Mention. There were 37 FY-06 Quality Cup submissions: 1- Gold; 7 Silver; 9 Bronze; and 20 Honorable Mention.

### **Army National Guard Strategic Planning**

#### **Michigan Vision 2010**

There were no changes to the Michigan Army National Guard Strategic Plan, Michigan Vision 2010

Goal I – Create a high quality environment ensuring Soldier readiness

Goal II – Promote Michigan Vision 2010

Goal III – Optimize the utilization of resources to improve readiness

Goal IV – Enhance the Michigan National Guard image in the community

Goal V – Maintain, modernize and market training and logistic facilities

Goal VI – Improve systems, processes and evaluation tools

Goal VII – Improve operational capabilities in support of GWOT, homeland security and nation building

### **ARNG Organizational Development**

#### **Army Communities of Excellence**

The Michigan Army National Guard placed 12th and received Honorable Mention in the Army's Communities of Excellence FY-06 program for Reserve Components. In FY-05 the MIARNG placed 15th.

The ACOE program improves organizational performance practices, capabilities, and results; facilitates communication and sharing of best practices; and serves as a working tool for understanding and managing performance and guiding organizational sustainability.

# Human Resources Office

## **Federal Human Resources Office - Lansing**

### **State Office of Human Resources Management**

#### **Federal Human Resources Office 2006 highlights**

- Published the Michigan National Guard Reorganizations, Realignments and Reduction In Force Guide
- Published the Michigan Merit Placement Guide for Technicians
- Hosted USA Staffing/USA Jobs NGB training for Region IV States
- Provided state-wide training for Guardsmen on the USA Staffing/USA Jobs system
- Advertised more than 300 technician vacancy announcements for fiscal year 2006
- Due to a position classification release, performed promotion actions on more than 150 full-time technicians within Surface Maintenance in one pay period

The Human Resource Office hosted a diversity workshop in May 2006. The theme was Middle East cultural awareness training. The main speaker for the workshop was Lobna Ismail, a woman experienced in cross-cultural communication, Arab and American cultures, Islamic awareness, and religious diversity. Some of the topics covered were: common stumbling blocks encountered during deployment, American presence in Middle East regions, building trust with Middle Easterners, perceptions, attitudes and how consideration to be respectful builds and strengthen relationships between two nations.

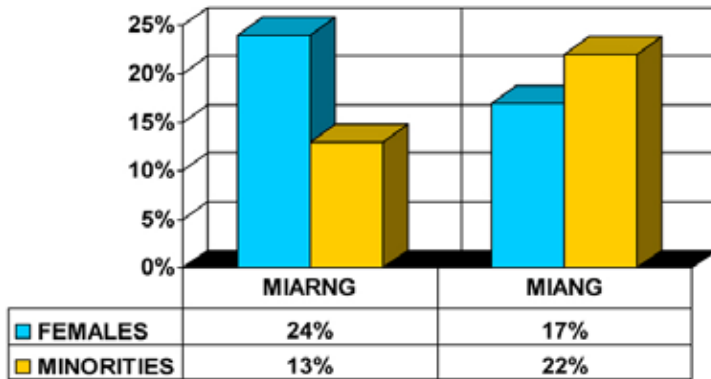
Sgt. Hassan Tirkue of the Michigan Army National Guard Recruiting and Retention Command also spoke at the conference. He is the first Cultural Awareness NCO for the Army National Guard nationwide. Tirkue was born in Morocco and joined the United States Army as a language specialist and cultural advisor.

### **State Office of Human Resources Management**

In partnership with the human resources offices at the Grand Rapids and Jacobetti Homes for Veterans, the state office provides a full range of human resource services to our state and federal customers. Policy and procedure coordination is done with the departments of Civil Service, Treasury, Management and Budget, Office of Great Workplace Development and Office of the State Employer. During the reporting period, the office served military retirees and supported National Guard emergency call outs



### 2006 MICHIGAN NATIONAL GUARD Female & Minority Membership



and casual duty assignments.

State employees numbered as high as 1041 during this reporting period. In addition, the office provides consultation and information to approximately 95 federal supervisors and managers of state employees concerning issues such as job classification, re-organization, hiring, labor relations and payroll.

State employees perform an array of duties for the Department of Military and Veterans Affairs directorates statewide, to include medical, nursing, social work, activities therapy, occupational therapy, pharmaceutical, food service and nutrition, chaplaincy, occupational safety, youth guidance and education, building management and maintenance, janitorial, management and administration, grounds keeping, automotive repair, store keeping, equipment and vehicle operation, engineering, environmental management, fire/crash rescue, administrative support, finance and human resources.

The office is organizationally located within the federal Human Resources Office which provides alignment of state and federal Human Resource activities as well as sharing and leverage of resources.

The D. J. Jacobetti Human Resources Office led a committee responsible for organizing the home's 25th year re-dedication celebration on Aug. 11, 2006. The Negaunee City Band led off the day with a medley of patriotic music. A crowd of 400 was on hand for a picnic, re-dedication ceremony, color guard and 21-gun salute.

Working in partnership with the Union, employee grievances at the D. J. Jacobetti Home for Veterans were reduced by 74 percent from FY 05. The Grand Rapids Home for Veterans achieved a 26 percent reduction of employee grievances.

At the Grand Rapids Home for Veterans, HR revised, updated and re-issued the Employee Handbook used there.

Among other activities during fiscal year 2006, the Office of Human Resources Management administered:

- New state employee hires – 114
- Employee grievances – 70
- Grievance arbitration cases presented – 2
- Employee re-classification and promotion actions – 58
- Contractual service requests – 25
- Employee training requests – 191
- Employee service awards prepared – 53
- Special merit pay requests – 11
- Employee accident/injury reports – 108
- Random and pre-hire drug and/or alcohol tests – 152
- Employee layoffs/bumps – 7
- Workers Compensation cases – 394

## Office of Financial Services

The Office of Financial Services maintains, monitors, and controls the Department of Military and Veterans Affairs state budget throughout the fiscal year. This office provides support services to fulfill the accounting, budget, procurement, asset management, and vehicle and travel management needs of the department.

Fiscal year 2006 expenditures were \$113.64 million, 6.3 percent greater than 2005 -- 44 percent of which was federal funds.

### Military Family Relief Fund

During 2006, the Military Family Relief Fund received \$614,100 in donations. From this fund, \$212,500 in grants was paid to eligible applicants and \$107,000 was transferred to the state veterans homes to help pay for activity therapy for residents.

### State Education Reimbursement Program

During the 2005 – 2006 academic year, 903 applicants were paid tuition assistance totaling \$777,400.

### Federal Billings

The Office of Financial Services received \$30.58 million through the National Guard Bureau's Master Cooperative Agreement billings. This is a 16.2 percent increase over last year. The Office of Financial Services manages 15 Master Cooperative Agreement appendices.



# Construction and Facilities Management Office

During fiscal year 2006 the following major military construction projects were in design or under construction:

## **Regional Training Institute Fort Custer Training Center Augusta, Mich.**

Unique pentagon shape, three-story facility with state of art classrooms, kitchen facilities, theatre type auditorium, conference area, and a replica Sept. 11 Pentagon memorial.

Construction cost: \$13.3 million federal funds, 111,429 total square feet of classrooms and lodging, and 247 rooms available for military and guest lodging. Facility opens for occupancy in 2007.



The new Regional Training Institute at Fort Custer Training Center in Augusta, Mich., will be open for occupancy in fiscal year 2007.

## **Army Aviation Support Facility, Grand Ledge, Mich.**

A military aviation maintenance facility, to include operations, administration, hangar, and unheated aircraft storage facility. It is adjacent to Abrams Municipal Airport and the existing armory. Capacity: five CH53 Chinooks and 14 CH58 Blackhawks. Construction cost: \$23.4 million federal funds, 122,716 total square feet with 36,234 square feet administration and operations building. Occupancy is expected in 2007.

## **Jackson Readiness Center, Jackson, Mich.**

Armory with classrooms, locker rooms, kitchen, administrative space, vehicle parking, energy conservation features and improved facility security.

Replaces the 185 year old Jackson Armory, the oldest armory in the state, formerly a state prison. Construction cost: \$5.93 million federal funds and \$1.24 million state funds, 45,480 total square feet. Occupancy is expected in fiscal year 2007.



The new Jackson Readiness Center replaces the 184-year old former armory and state prison in Jackson, Mich.

## **Shiawassee Readiness Center, Corunna, Mich.**

An armory with classrooms, locker rooms, kitchen, administrative space, vehicle parking, energy conservation features, and improved facility security will replace the aged armory in Owosso.

Construction cost: \$3.82 million federal funds and \$1.09 million state funds, 41,749 total square feet. Fiscal year 2007 occupancy expected.

## **Pontiac Readiness Center, Pontiac, Mich.**

This federally funded renovation project was finished in FY 2006.

## **United States Property and Fiscal Office and Armed Forces Reserve Center, Lansing**

This federally funded 146,290 total square feet renovation project was awarded for construction. The project includes a three-story administration facility and a reserve center with administration, classroom, and locker rooms for units of the Michigan National Guard and the U.S. Marine Corps Reserve. The facility replaces the existing USPFO facility on West St. Joseph Avenue in Lansing. Construction cost is \$11.8 million federal funds. The expected completion is in 2008.

## **Multi-Purpose Machine Gun Range Facility, Camp Grayling, Mich.**

A \$1.9 million federally funded construction contract for a MPMG Range at Camp Grayling was drafted and is expected to be operable in FY 2007.

## **Forward-Operating Base Training Facilities, Camp Grayling, Mich.**

Two FOB training areas were constructed with mostly federal funds at Camp Grayling, and were opened for troop use during Annual Training 2006.

In all, the Michigan Army National Guard received \$16 million in federal funds for operations and maintenance.

This included more than \$2 million in wages and salaries for Construction and Facilities employees, Camp Grayling, Fort Custer, and statewide armories. Federal funds totaling \$9 million were expended for Army National Guard facility maintenance projects. State armory building maintenance funds totaled \$150,000 in state funds.

Facility maintenance projects statewide for Michigan's 44 armories involved more than \$2.2 million in nearly all federal funds. Projects included facility upgrades for heating, ventilating, and air-conditioning, locker room enhancements, roof replacements, and energy conserving projects.

Camp Grayling accounted for nearly \$3 million in federal funds for a new fire station and kitchen facility at the Grayling Army Airfield. Under construction are officer's quarters, range towers, and a range upgrade project for a combat pistol range. Design plans are underway for distinguished visitor's quarters to accommodate up to eight guests.

Maintenance projects at Fort Custer totaled more than \$2 million federal funds. These projects include a new logistics facility and Range Control storage facility, a Range Control addition, and demolition of aged facilities.

The Construction and Facilities Management Office continues to plan and execute new construction and facility maintenance projects towards the Facility Strategic Vision objective. These projects incorporate facility upgrades, boost force protection and safety, upgrade training readiness facilities and classrooms, enhance soldier quality of life, and implement energy conservation measures.

#### **Environmental Section:**

The Environmental Section falls under the Construction and Facilities Management Division. The section's statewide operations are located at the Washington Street armory in Lansing with additional training site offices at Fort Custer and Camp Grayling.

The Environmental section sustains the mission through compliance with all state, federal and Army regulations and the conservation of natural resources.

During May 2006, the Michigan Army National Guard Environmental Section hosted the National Guard Bureau Conservation Workshop in Traverse City. More than 200 members of ARNG Environmental offices from all 54 states and territories attended.

Michigan Environmental Section received three awards at the NGB-sponsored National Environmental Workshop in Philadelphia. One was for innovative cleanup technology on groundwater contamination near Building 8, Camp Grayling, and reusing a pump-and-treat system originally



designed for Camp Grayling's old bulk fuel site. The Eagle Award was presented in recognition of being the state ARNG Environmental Office that received the greatest number of points covering their entire program – from obligating their budget to creative conservation projects. The Minuteman trophy was awarded to the section for outstanding support and contributions to NGB.

The Environmental Section created a new intranet web site that serves as a web-based Environmental Management System to provide the Michigan Army Guard units ready access to important information on environmental policies, programs, and procedures applicable to MIARNG mission goals.

In October, the Environmental Performance Assessment System noted significant improvements since the last assessment in 2001. Findings of noncompliance per facility decreased by 42 percent.

The Fort Custer environmental team implemented an ambitious natural resources management plan and won three awards in 2006. They took first place in the NGB Natural Resources Conservation, Small Installation category then went on to win at the Department of the Army level and received Honorable Mention at the DoD level. They were presented the Department of the Army award and the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality Neighborhood Environmental Partners Gold Award at a May 2006 awards ceremony. The NEP Gold Award recognized the team for working with more than 20 community and state partners on the numerous wildlife and forest habitat improvements at Fort Custer.

Camp Grayling Environmental Office, with the Michigan Department of Agriculture and the Michigan Association of Conservation Districts sponsored Michigan's 2006 Envirothon in May. This event brought approximately 275 high school students from around the state together to use critical thinking, compete, and learn about the environment from environment professionals.



# STARBASE

The Michigan DoD STARBASE program is a unique educational initiative that “adds value to America.” The STARBASE program raises the interest and improves the knowledge and skills of at-risk youth in science, technology, engineering, and math by exposing them to the technological environment and the positive role models found on military bases and installations.

## Significant Events:

- The Office of the Secretary of Defense, Reserve Affairs began a new Michigan DoD STARBASE program in Battle Creek at the 110th Fighter Wing.
- STARBASE Inc. raised \$300,000 to complete building renovations to Building 1051.
- Michigan DoD STARBASE conducted five PTC teacher training seminars at Selfridge ANG Base for other DoD STARBASE programs around the U.S. (PTC is a 3-D Pro/desktop engineering software program).
- The Minister of Defense and University in England asked Michigan’s DoD STARBASE director and deputy give a PTC and STARBASE presentation.
- Michigan DoD STARBASE created the PTC Elementary National Training Book.
- Michigan DoD STARBASE was chosen to create a manufacturing curriculum for students using PTC.

## Fiscal Year 2006 Statistics:

- 1,534 children attended Michigan DoD STARBASE Academy.
- Sixty teachers attended STARBASE Academy
- More than 80 percent of the students were from a minority or ethnic group
- Students were given a pre and post-test and averaged a 32 percent gain in knowledge

The Michigan DoD STARBASE program received more than \$1 million in federal money and \$300,000 in donations

All students received hands-on activities, one-on-one interaction with military personnel, tours, and 25 hours of instruction. Students boarded a full-scale, high fidelity space shuttle nose simulator where they “launched” into space and carried out in-orbit operations, coordinated with a nine-station Mission Control Center, and landed at Kennedy Space Center, Fla. Inside the Space Station Lab Module, students conducted research in hydroponics, “micro gravity” glove-box activity, visited Mars, and studied the affects of toys in space (physics) in a near-weightless environment. In the simulated Mars room,



students navigated micro-rover robots on a Mars terrain.

## Construction and Facilities:

An additional 7,000 square feet were added to Building 1051. This provided classrooms, bathrooms, a computer lab, and a storage room.

# Michigan Youth ChalleNGe Academy

The Michigan Youth ChalleNGe Academy is a 22-week residential alternative school and is accredited by the North Central Association.

The program offers at-risk 16 to 18-year old teenagers an opportunity to change their lives and make a beneficial future for themselves. Graduating cadets earn a general education diploma, a high school diploma, or will have the high school credits they earn transferred to their home school district or school of choice. Michigan Youth Challenge Academy graduates also can receive fifteen college credits from Kalamazoo Valley Community College

The program incorporates eight core components: academic excellence, job skills, physical fitness, leadership/followership, health/nutrition, life coping skills, responsible citizenship, and service to the community. These components encourage physical, mental and moral development.

The MYCA maintains a quality, innovative and professional academic program while undergoing extreme limited funding for the past four years.

National Guard Bureau consistently ranks the Michigan Youth ChalleNGe Academy as one of the best among the 37 nationwide ChalleNGe programs, in spite of severe state budget constraints.

- Cadets performed 8,001 hours of service to community.

- Cadets and cadre participated in numerous parades and the Fifth/Third Bank 25-kilometer run.
- Cadets and cadre supported and participated in the Detroit Marathon.
- The MYCA supported the Battle Creek Kellogg Corporate Cup events. Cadets served as road-guards and assisted with water and refreshments for runners and event participants.
- MYCA is the primary contributor to Western Michigan University's Annual Veterans Day Recognition at Waldo Stadium. Cadets held a huge American flag across the football field.
- October – November 2005: Cadets and cadre were integral in Michigan's reception for Hurricane Katrina evacuees who arrived and were housed at Fort Custer Training Center in Augusta.
- In December 2005, the Michigan Senate awarded MYCA cadets with a special tribute for their service.
- MYCA was recognized at the January 2006 NGB annual workshop for second place in overall National ChalleNGe programs.
- In May 2006, the Michigan House recognized MYC cadets with a special tribute for their assistance with Hurricane Katrina evacuees.
- First Gentleman Daniel Mulhern visited May 2006 and recognized MYCA as an innovative and premier mentoring program.
- In August MYCA cadets participated in homeland defense field training exercise in Battle Creek.
- Michigan State Basketball Coach Tom Izzo visited the academy and accepted a position as MYCA spokesperson on public service announcements.
- The MYCA staff includes 50 state employed cadre, teachers, counselors, administration and logistics.
  - Federal funds: \$1.7 million
  - State funds: \$1.12 million
- Seventy-two general education diplomas and three high school diplomas were awarded this fiscal year.
- One hundred percent of graduates were placed in a job, school, or the military upon graduation.
- Eighty-three percent of MYCA graduates were placed one year after graduation.



Rep. Mike Nofs presents a special tribute to Cadets Brandon Walker and Andrew Hosford. Rep. Nofs is joined by Rep. Lawrence Wenke.

- Test Adult Basic Education Reading:  
Incoming average grade: 8.3  
Graduating cadets' average grade: 9.6
- TABE Math:  
Incoming average grade: 8.5  
Graduating cadets' average grade: 10.5
- Cadets performed 8,001 hours of community service; based on the minimum wage this has a \$41,205 value of services rendered.
- MYCA yearly economic impact to the community -- \$1.07 million.
- With an average of 160 graduates per year, the



Youth Challenge cadets march at the Pass and Review for the governor at Camp Grayling.

approximate investment to the state is \$288 million.

# Army National Guard

## Michigan Army National Guard Recruiting and Retention Command

The mission of the Recruiting and Retention Command is to provide quality recruiting, retention, and attrition management in support of the Michigan Army National Guard's readiness objectives. Michigan Army Guard Recruiting and Retention Command's vision is to be the standard of excellence across the Army National Guard; built on the foundation of Army values and moral and ethical conduct.

The Recruiting and Retention Command is structured to provide support for strength maintenance:

- Thirty-seven Soldiers are responsible for the pay, administration, and training of the RRC
- One hundred and thirty-one recruiting personnel process and enlist or commission new recruits and officers
- Sixteen retention sergeants assigned to retain quality Guard members who complete their initial or subsequent term of service
- Twenty-two full time members manage the pay, administration, and training of pre-qualified recruits

Five years into the Global War on Terrorism, new strategies and tactics were implemented in the face of a challenging wartime recruiting environment. These methods included increased cash bonuses, expanded educational and health care benefits, and an innovative referral program. The new methods created a very successful year for rebuilding the strength of the all-

volunteer force. However, the willingness of Michigan's citizens to answer the call to serve cannot be understated.

For most of the year, Michigan maintained a top spot among all 54 states and territories in both new recruits and total strength. A record 2,034 gains to the force were recorded. Coupled with personnel turnover, this resulted in a net increase of 639 Guard members.

Michigan became one of three states to receive authorization to recruit native and heritage Arabic speaking people into a test program for a new cultural and language advisor specialty occupation.

## Deputy Chief of Staff Personnel

Officer Branch  
Personnel Security  
Orders Section  
Enlisted Branch  
Enlisted Promotion Section  
Enlisted Records Section  
Health Services Branch  
Office of the State Chaplain  
Personnel Mobilization Branch  
Military Awards Section  
Family Programs Office  
Military Funeral Honors Program  
SIDPERS Interface Branch  
Soldier Readiness Processing Branch

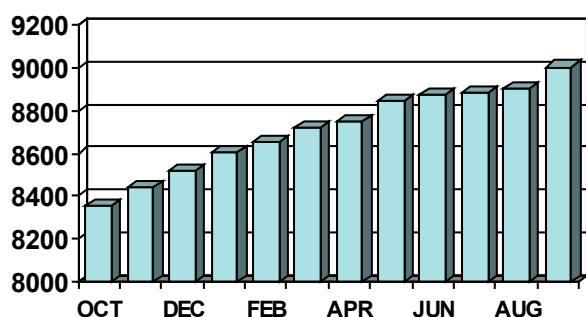
### DCSPER statistics:

- Assisted 280 families with the Michigan National Guard Family Fund in fiscal year 2006
- Total expenses of MING Family Fund: \$136,998
- MIARNG total personnel: 9,011
- Female personnel: 1,245

The Family Programs Office hosted the annual State Family Program Conference and Youth Symposium in February at the Amway Grand Plaza Hotel in Grand Rapids. Four hundred and ten Soldiers, Airmen, and their families attended. They received training to enhance their knowledge of state and national family programs and were informed on ways to build and support their local family readiness groups statewide.

In June, the Family Programs Office hosted the annual Youth Leadership Camp at the Combat Readiness Training Center in Alpena. More than 150 "Trailblazers", ages 9-12, and 108 volunteer coaches attended the week long camp,

**FY 2006 MIARNG END STRENGTH**







Brig. Gen. Robert V. Taylor presents the 182nd Field Artillery Family Support Group leaders with the Family of the Year Award for the Michigan Army Guard during the State Family Program conference in February 2006.

which provided leadership classes, individual confidence events, and team building activities. Trailblazers and their coaches participated in flag ceremonies, swimming, rafting, softball, soccer, rappelling, arts and crafts, paint-ball, archery, and other outdoor fun.

The Mobilization Section personnel staffed 10 unit and several individual and team deployments during the year. The process of cross leveling Soldiers from non-deployed units to deploying units is increasingly difficult because so many Michigan Army National Guard Soldiers have already deployed. The Mobilization Section ensured all units deployed at or near 100 percent of their authorized strength. In fiscal year 2006, more than 190 Soldiers volunteered to deploy a second time. These acts of patriotism assisted units in maintaining mobilization deployment goals.

This year, the Michigan National Guard chaplain's office hosted six "Strong Bonds Retreats" throughout the state. The Strong Bonds Program was a success in its inaugural year with more than 100 married couples participating. The seminar objective is to assist couples and teach ways to improve communication in marriage. The feedback from attendees was remarkably positive.

The SIDPERS interface branch was at the forefront in the Army's transformation to a modular force, entering 23 new Army units into the state database and significantly modifying

57 existing units. At the same time, this section processed more new Army enlistments than any previous year, pushing the end strength to more than 9,000 members.

In addition to managing daily operations, the SIB section focused its attention on converting the Michigan Army National Guard to a Department of Defense Database. This new database standardizes personnel record keeping across all services and components. Full implementation is expected in 2008.

The enlisted branch planned and executed the automated conversion of all enlisted personnel records folders in fiscal year 2006. Hard copy personnel files are obsolete in the Michigan Army National Guard; the automated record is now the official record for each Soldier. All MIARNG Soldiers have immediate access to their official personnel records via the internet. All personnel records folders were given to the respective units or the Soldier.

The MIARNG is one of only a few states to implement a decentralized fielding plan by supplying each armory with a high quality scanner. This investment ensures additions to the Soldiers' official records are immediate and provide Soldiers instant access to their updated records.

In 2006, the Michigan National Guard Funeral Honors Program increased in support staff and burial assignments. The FHP provided honors for 2,166 veterans, (80 percent of all reported deceased veterans in Michigan.) This is an increase of 767 burials from last year. The Honor Guard standard of professionalism rises as qualified full-time cadre replace part-time volunteers. Currently, more than 32



Kids enjoy a field trip during the Youth Symposium at the annual Michigan National Guard Family Program conference.

percent of the FHP consists of full-time cadre as compared to two percent the previous year.

## Deputy Chief of Staff Information Management

Information Management Branch - Lansing  
Information System Support Branch-Telecom - Lansing  
Visual Information Services Branch - Lansing  
Distance Learning Branch - Lansing

The Information Management Branch network control section completed upgrade of the Michigan Army National Guard enterprise e-mail system from Microsoft Exchange 5.5 to Microsoft Exchange 2003 to provide additional functionality, adhere to National Guard Bureau standards, and to maintain maintenance support from the manufacturer.

The network control section deployed Microsoft SharePoint portal server and assisted several Michigan National Guard directorates with migration from the legacy intranet site to the portal.

The network control section completed administrative planning, design, testing, and fielding support of the National Guard Historical Preservation Database to provide historical personnel service information on Michigan National Guard members. The telecommunications section implemented wireless Internet service at Camp Grayling to provide inter-connectivity of environmental control systems across the installation, and to provide soldiers personal, non-business, access to the Internet during their duty assignments at Camp Grayling.

The telecommunications section expanded Camp Grayling facilities hard wired Reserve Component Automation System service from 46 to 58 buildings and upgraded the underground wire plant at Camp Grayling.

The telecommunications section supported the telecommunications infrastructure preparation for the new Jackson armory and installed a new phone switch to support personnel assigned there.

The telecommunications section installed new phone switches in the Ishpeming and Wyoming armories as part of an ongoing life-cycle replacement program. This will provide the capability for voice-over-Internet protocol cutover in the future.

The visual information section provided key audio/visual support for numerous Army National Guard and joint events throughout the year, such as the Family Readiness Conference, Joint Enlisted Senior Leadership Conference, and the Northeast Region Inspector General

Conference, to name a few. Support for these events includes presentation graphics, video and still photography product and services.

The visual information manager directly supported Vital Guardian, an NGB national level exercise conducted in Washington D.C., to document Michigan's vital role as Joint Task Force Command Headquarters. Seven states participated in the exercise, which was visited by more than 400 national and international VIP's.

The Distance Learning Branch upgraded distance learning classrooms at Fort Custer Training Center, Camp Grayling, and Grand Valley Armory in April to model 600 MMS systems including new instructor media carts and touch panel console controls. Three of the six classrooms in the state now provide interactive voice, video, and data conference and training capabilities.

The Distance Learning Branch facilitated the training of 349 soldiers and civilians for the Mobilization Data Planning Viewer system fielding between October and February utilizing video teleconferencing technology. This represented a training cost avoidance of more than \$450,000 by eliminating travel and housing costs for participants.

National Guard Bureau recognized the Distance Learning Branch in April for originating a cost saving analysis format for programs using distance learning facilities around the nation in lieu of sending personnel to off site training facilities. The analysis system was distributed nationwide and all states were involved in documenting the training cost savings.

The Distance Learning Branch was recognized by National Guard Bureau as one of the top ten programs of its kind in the nation based on activity and has maintained this level for 23 of 24 consecutive months.

The National Guard Bureau recognized the Distance Learning Branch in May for superior support to deployed units by conducting 13 family morale video-teleconferencing sessions. These conferences permit deployed soldiers to meet with their families on an individual basis. The opportunity for families and soldiers to see and hear each other greatly improves soldier and family morale during the deployment.

The Distance Learning Branch facilitated an increase of classroom sessions by 117 percent over the previous year. The number of personnel participating in all sessions increased approximately 490 percent over the previous year due to greater average participation per session.

The Information Services Branch began centralized reproduction and mailing of unit newsletters. Unit

commanders all over the state use newsletters to help keep their members informed and to pass on various command information. The centralization reproduction and mailing allows the newsletters to be reproduced at a lower cost, and pre-sorted to take advantage of lower postage rates upon mailing. More than 36,000 unit newsletters were sent in FY06 at an estimated cost savings of \$3,400 over local reproduction and mailing.

The Information Management Directorate completed implementation of the Department of the Army Common Access Card Cryptographic login program in June. This program is based on smart card and Public Key Infrastructure technology allowing two-factor authentication of network users to enhance the security of the network. The PKI certificates also permit the use of digital signatures on documents and forms, reducing the dependence on paper documents and traditional signatures for document authentication. More than 2,000 users were enabled for smart card capability.

#### **Fiscal Year 2006 Statistics:**

Annual network server availability rates are stable and remain above 98.8 percent, including planned downtime for upgrades, patches, and moves.

The annual network server central processing unit, memory, and disk utilization rates are stable and below 30 percent.

The annual voice circuit availability rate continues to remain consistently above 99.9 percent.

## **Deputy Chief of Staff Logistics**

Plans and Policy Branch

Supply Assistance and Inspection Branch

Transportation /Defense Movement Coordinator

Combat Service Support Automation Management

HQ Property Book Office

Food Service Section

#### **Plans and Policy Branch**

The Plans and Policy Branch manages the Logistics budget for the Michigan Army National Guard, which totals more than \$4 million. The branch also monitors force structure changes and equipment supply readiness of the MIARNG; annual training planning, investigation of property loss, and establishes inventory management, policy, and procedures for property accountability.

The DCSLOG supported Michigan's annual training period at Camp Grayling, Mich. The Logistics office assisted in creating a forward operating base scenario which put Soldiers in an overseas deployment environment

The Logistics office supplied equipment, food, water, construction material, ammunition, fuel, contracting lighting, shower trucks, and transportation assets.

#### **Supply Assistance and Inspection Branch**

This branch monitors and implements the Command Supply Discipline Program Command and Logistics Review Team preparation. The branch manages all loans of equipment, new equipment fielding, Soldier Readiness Processing, deployments, mobilization cross-level equipment transfers, the Chief of Staff of the Army Supply Excellence Award, and manage excess equipment resulting from modernization and modularity.

In fiscal year 2006, the MIARNG deployed nine units and 8,925 pieces of equipment totaling \$30.37 million in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom and Operation Enduring Freedom.

The DCSLOG received and supported 51 equipment loan requests from veteran's organizations, high schools, Boy Scout Troops, the Michigan Special Olympics, the Michigan State Fair, and University Reserve Officer Training Corps. The MIARNG supported these events with vehicles, weapons, tents, generators and static displays.

#### **Transportation/Defense Movement Coordinator**

This branch coordinates all unit movements and road permits with the Michigan Department of Transportation. DMC monitors Unit Movement Plans, oversees the Automated Unit Equipment Listing the Deployment Equipment Listing, manages the MIARNG GSA vehicles, and trains Unit Movement Officers.

Ninety-four military convoys were completed without incident. This includes multiple U.S. Army Reserve units who must request all military movements through the DMC. Nine units mobilized in 2006. The DMC made continuous updates to the AUELs, and assisted in the development of all DELs. The section completed 100 percent inventory and updates to all 140 units' AUEL's.

The DMC worked in coordination with the USPFO commercial transportation section for equipment and personnel movements to mobilization stations and various training locations.

#### **Combat Service Support Automation Management**

This section monitors, implements, and troubleshoots all Standard Army Management Information Systems within the MIARNG, and implementing system upgrades when released by National Guard Bureau.

In 2006, the Director of Logistics Combat Service Support Automation Management section developed and executed an automation support guide for MIARNG units



and a yearly assistance visit program to help members with various Standard Army Management Information System automation problems.

The CSSAM section visited 41 units and field maintenance shops throughout the year to deliver and brief on the Unit Automation Support Guide. The section delivered new equipment associated with the *Property Book Unit Supply Enhanced* fielding that is currently 99 percent complete for all existing units in the MIARNG.

The section collected STAMIS equipment that could not be repaired on the spot and transported it to the Combined Support Maintenance Shop or repaired it when they returned to home station. The overall response from the field was favorable because the section was able to resolve computer problems and provide user and troubleshooting training on the spot.

The CSSAM section provided guidance and equipment for nine mobilizing units when equipment shortfalls were identified and guidance on training was required. Mobilizing units' STAMIS equipment was complete and on the current version prior to deployment.

#### **Joint Force Headquarters Property Book Office**

This section maintains the JFHQ property books, and hand receipts. Currently the section manages 87 accounts within JFHQ and has oversight for all other Table Distribution of Allowances accounts within the state. They are responsible for annual reviews and the GSA fleet, which consists of 148 vehicles throughout the state. This section assists the Supply Inspection and Assistance Branch to locate essential MIARNG equipment statewide for deployment, transfer, or turn in.

#### **Food Service Section**

This section develops, coordinates, implements, advises, and evaluates the Michigan Army National Guard Food Service Program, ensuring maximum accountability and use of food service resources. The Food Service section provides guidance in headquarters operation management, administration, accountability, facilities, procurement, food preparation, cooking and serving, field operations, sanitation, safety and fire prevention, and facilitates the preparation of the State Menu Board.

This year the section hosted its annual food symposium during annual training. The symposium is comprised of many different vendors who prepare dishes. Soldiers are encouraged to sample and then select items they would like to see on the following year's menu. More than 500 Soldiers visited the symposium.

## **Deputy Chief of Staff for Operations**

Operations Branch

Plans Branch

Training Branch

Mobilization and Readiness Branch

Evaluations Branch

#### **Operations and Training Branch Significant Events**

The Operations and Training branch coordinated the deployment of 700 Soldiers and Airmen from the Michigan National Guard to provide support in Mississippi and Louisiana in the wake of Hurricanes Katrina and Rita.

The mission began Sept. 23, 2005 and reached peak deployment strength during October. Soldiers deployed by ground convoy to the supported states where they were under the operational control of the respective task forces.

Michigan received approximately \$2.5 million to support Hurricane Katrina efforts. Relief operation expenses for the Michigan Army National Guard totaled \$1.2 million and \$1.3 million was returned to National Guard Bureau.

In December 2005, the chief of the training division participated in the Reserve Component U.S. and Canadian Cross Border Working Group in Washington, D.C. The cross border working group schedules U.S. troops participating in Canadian exercises and vice versa.

In January 2006, the Michigan Army National Guard Facility Scheduling Conference was held at the Multi-Unit Readiness Center in Lansing, Mich., for all unit trainers and training site representatives.

In March and April 2006, the 2007 yearly training briefing and annual training briefing were held at the MURC for the adjutant general, chiefs of staff, and brigade and battalion staff.

In June 2006, the Annual Training 2006 site reconnaissance was conducted by DCSOPS section for the MACOM and subordinate unit staffs. It is held annually at Camp Grayling and is the last opportunity for the organizational staffs to receive guidance regarding the AT period and observe the ground they plan on using.

Annual Training 2006 at Camp Grayling was held July 29 – Aug. 12, 2006 for all Soldiers not mobilized or scheduled for an alternate event. This year, the Michigan Army National Guard's collective training opportunity focused on the "theater immersion" concept. Theater immersion replicates as much as possible the conditions our

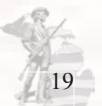
## Fiscal Year 2006 Michigan Army National Guard Deployments as of Sept. 30, 2006

### Deployments

Unit	Home Station	Site
46th Military Police Company	Kingsford	Iraq
107th Quartermaster Battalion	Jackson	Kuwait
Company E, 1st Battalion, 125th Infantry	Big Rapids	Iraq
144th Military Police Company	Owosso	Iraq
146th Multi-Function Medical Battalion	Grand Ledge	Iraq
1461st Transportation Company	Jackson	Iraq
363rd Personnel Services Detachment	Lansing	Kuwait
1171st Area Medical Support Company	Detroit	Iraq

### Homecomings

Unit	Home Station	Site
46th Military Police Company	Kingsford	Gulf Region
Assault and Obstacle Platoon, 107th Engineer Battalion	Ishpeming	Iraq
Company A, 107th Engineer Battalion	Calumet	Iraq
Company B 107th Engineer Battalion	Ironwood/Iron River	Iraq
Company B 107th Engineer Battalion	Ironwood/Iron River	Afghanistan
Company C, 107th Engineer Battalion	Gladstone	Iraq
119th Field Artillery	Lansing	Iraq
Company B, 1st Battalion, 125th Infantry	Saginaw	Iraq
144th Military Police Company	Owosso	Gulf Region
126th Armor Battalion	Wyoming	Iraq
1st Battalion, 182nd Field Artillery	Detroit	Iraq
210th Military Police Battalion	Taylor	Gulf Region
238th Aviation Battalion	Grand Ledge	Bosnia
Company F, 238th Aviation Battalion	Grand Ledge	Iraq
3rd Battalion, 238th General Support Aviation Battalion	Grand Ledge	Kosovo
263rd Personnel Services Detachment	Lansing	Kuwait
Company F, 425th Infantry	Selfridge	Iraq
507th Engineer Battalion	Camp Grayling	Iraq
1071st Maintenance Company	Camp Grayling	Iraq
1072nd Maintenance Company	Detroit	Iraq
1073rd Maintenance Company	Greenville	Iraq
1225th Corps Service Battalion	Detroit	Iraq
1436th Engineer Company	Montague	Iraq
1461st Transportation Company	Jackson	Iraq
1462nd Transportation Company	Howell	Iraq
1463rd Transportation Company	Wyoming	Iraq
1776th Military Police Company	Taylor	Gulf Region



Soldiers encounter while deployed to the combat zone. In addition to commander planned training, Michigan Soldiers were required to live in one of two specially constructed “Forward Operations Bases”. They attended mandatory Joint Force Headquarters training events; entry control point operations, rapid reaction force operations, and an optional convoy live fire exercise.

### **Mobilization Force Readiness Branch Significant Events**

The Mobilization Force Readiness Branch has two important missions - Force Readiness and Mobilization Preparedness. Force Readiness is the technical process of managing the type and composition of units which make up the Michigan Army Guard as a part of the U.S. Army. The MFR branch plans unit reorganizations required to accomplish different missions. It also has oversight of the commissioning and decommissioning of units within the state. This process is in the second year of a several year process.

The MFR branch prepares individual troops and units for mobilization and assists them through the lengthy process. The de-mobilization process is also a high priority as the troops return home. This is achieved by sending support teams to various Army installations around the country to serve as liaisons and assist units.

## **Surface Maintenance Branch**

Surface Maintenance Office – Lansing  
Combined Support Maintenance Shop – Lansing  
Maneuver Area Training Equipment Site – Grayling  
Unit Training Equipment Site – Augusta  
Field Maintenance Shop 1 – Grand Ledge  
Field Maintenance Shop 2 – Selfridge ANG Base  
Field Maintenance Shop 3 – Flint  
Field Maintenance Shop 4 – Wyoming  
Field Maintenance Shop 15 – Dowagiac  
Field Maintenance Shop 16 – Ishpeming  
Field Maintenance Shop 16 – Kingsford  
Field Maintenance Shop 16 – Sault Ste Marie  
Field Maintenance Shop 17 – Ypsilanti, Taylor  
Field Maintenance Shop 22 – Midland  
Field Maintenance Shop 24 – Montague

The Surface Maintenance Office and the field maintenance sites have reduced the number of modified work orders in the state by completing and updating more than 1,700 MWOs. The purpose of an MWO is to convert or modernize an end item, or improve the original purpose or operational capacity and increase the effectiveness, efficiency, reliability, or safety of the item.

The Surface Maintenance Office received an honorable mention TAG Quality Cup letter for initiating the in-house Unit Level Logistics Systems–G training program. This program allows Soldiers and technicians to conveniently receive ULLS-G training with little expense to the state.

The SMO has coordinated the state RESET and RECAP (U.S. Army’s recapitalization process) programs. RESET is an extraordinary process used to restore combat, combat support, and combat service support units to combat capability to commensurate with mission requirements and availability of resources.

To date, 31 High Mobility Multipurpose Wheeled Vehicles have been sent to Maine as part of the RESET program while another 50 HMMWVs have traveled to Pennsylvania as part of the RECAP program. The program’s purpose is to maintain and update systems already in use, such as communications-electronics shelters. The program includes rebuilding and adding state-of-the-art technology to enhance the Army’s maintenance capability in the field.

Forty-two employees from the Combined Support Maintenance Shop of Lansing returned from deployment, and another 10 technicians deployed to Iraq, Kosovo, or Kuwait.

The CSMS improved overall shop operations by reducing the maintenance backlog from 90 days to 30 days, establishing a fully functioning vehicle paint operation, and launching an automated system enabling the CSMS to track special tools. This system provides bar codes for each tool, which in turn, streamlines the issue, return, accountability, and inventory of all the special tools.

The CSMS continues to support unit deployments and REFRADs by providing needed automotive, weapons, and communications equipment inspections. Inspection teams from the CSMS re-inspect units for delayed desert damage. They repair and track repair parts and provide joint inspections when equipment returns from deployment. More than 1,000 man-hours were expended to deploying units.

The CSMS has the new mission of home station RESET. All equipment returning from active duty will be inspected and repaired by the CSMS RESET maintenance team.

The Maneuver Area Training Equipment Site in Grayling supported the U.S. Army Tank Automotive Research, Development, and Engineering Center in Warren, Mich. The MATES granted TARDEC (the nation’s laboratory for advanced military ground systems and automotive technology) permission to borrow combat vehicles.

The MATES aided 12 deploying units vehicle and weapons maintenance, ensuring all equipment was to



Army standards. MATES personnel loaded 41 M-1 Abrams tanks onto the railroad line for redeployment to Ohio. They assisted Indiana, Ohio and the Michigan National Guard during their annual training, ensuring all equipment was ready for training. MATES issued more than 200 combat systems. The training site also supported the Michigan National Guard Boss Lift and held three classes for National Guard Soldiers.

MATES employees hosted an annual blood drive for the Red Cross Northwest Chapter resulting in 120 pints. The MATES also participated in the Au Sable River clean up, removing yards of debris, and donated time to clean up snowmobile trails for community use.

The Unit Training Equipment Site personnel in Augusta assisted the deployment of the 1461st by preparing 30 Heavy Equipment Transporter System trucks and trailers for training. These vehicles and trailers were used by Texas and Michigan Army National Guard units at Camp Atterbury, Ind., for training before deploying to Iraq.

### Field Maintenance Sites

FMS 1 in Grand Ledge saw a lot of change in personnel: Six employees were hired; nine technicians returned from deployment; three technicians were deployed, and several others retired. This shop completed several goals to include the installation of an additional power grid to support Unit Level Logistics System-Ground computers; the installation of additional 220-volt outlets to support the tire machine, welder and Hetra Vehicle Lift system; and the shop floor layout was redesigned to eliminate locked maintenance bays.

Several units supported by FMS 1 returned from deployment within a few months of one another. The 1462nd Transportation Company, the 1073rd Maintenance Company, the 238th Aviation Maintenance Company and the 263rd Personnel Support Company returned with equipment and have completed or are completing the RESET process.

FMS 2 located in Selfridge assisted the 1171st Area Support Medical Company with their deployment and welcomed home two of their supported units: 1st Battalion, 182nd Field Artillery and 1225th Combat Support Battalion. Seven Soldiers from FMS 2 deployed in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom.

FMS 2 was renovated to include the installation of a new sprinkler system. The shop's physical security

was improved with updated fencing, gates, and lighting surrounding the shop.

The FMS 3 shop in Flint prepared and shipped vehicles to Fort Dix, N.J., for the 144th Military Police Company deployment. On short notice, FMS 3 completed services and repairs, arranged the transportation, and loaded the equipment for shipment.

Vice President Chaney visited FMS 4 located in Wyoming to thank West Michigan servicemen for their service overseas. More than 1,500 personnel attended to include civilians, Soldiers, Marines, Airmen and VFW members. During the one-hour visit, the shop assisted with security for the vice president.

The FMS 16 consists of three maintenance shops located in the Upper Peninsula. FMSS 16 in Ishpeming provides organizational and direct maintenance support to HSC/FSC 107th Engineer Battalion, 1431st Sapper Company and the 1430th Vertical Company.

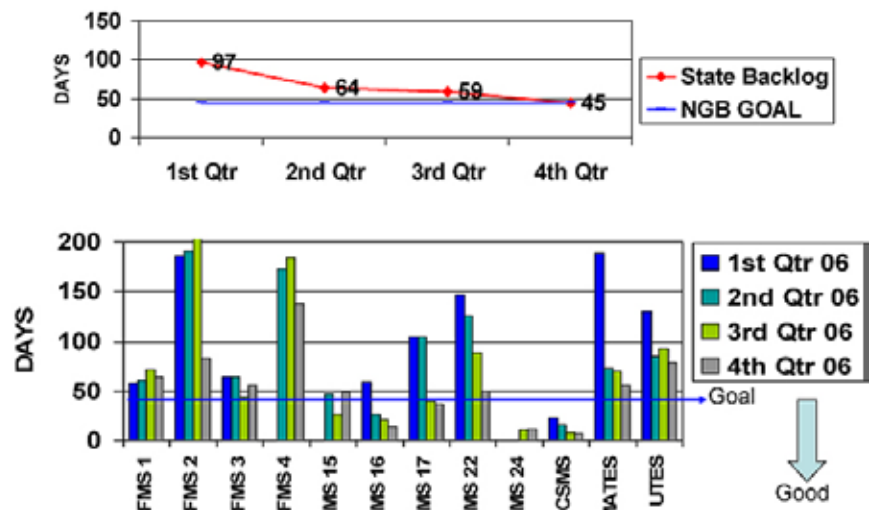
Field Maintenance Sub Shop 16 is located in the Ishpeming armory and includes a new wash bay; additional work bays; new offices; PLL storage; break room/locker area; asphalt improvements and an information system upgrade. The renovation provides work areas for nine surface maintenance mechanics, one motor vehicle operator, one parts attendant, and the FMS supervisor.

FMSS 16 in Kingsford provided organizational and direct maintenance support to the 46th Military Police Company with during their July 2006 mobilization to Iraq.

FMS 16 facilities prepared and shipped 24 HMMWVs to Fort Dix to for Michigan Army National Guard units

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NGB GOAL 45 DAYS (LESS IS BETTER)



training for deployment. Working together, Kingsford and Ishpeming prepared the vehicles to Army operations standards in less than 10 days.

FMS 17 assisted military police respond to the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina. The shop readied vehicles and equipment to Army standards with only two days notice. Maintenance technicians then accompanied two separate convoys headed south to handle any vehicle problems or breakdowns.

FMS 17 also prepared the 107th Quartermaster Battalion and the 1461st Transportation Company for a deployment to Iraq.

The FMS 17 now supports two additional units: the 146th Multifunctional Medical Battalion and the 1171st Area Support Medical Company.

FMS 22 in Midland won the TAG Bronze Quality Cup for their work in reducing maintenance backlogs and their commitment to safety.

FMS 24 in Montague reestablished operations in January 2006, after temporarily closing due to deployments. Most of the shop technicians and the supported were deployed in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom.

## Fort Custer Training Center

Tenant units:

Fort Custer Training Site Command

FCTSC Environmental Section

FCTSC State Maintenance

Intercept Security

177th Regional Training Institute

Ordnance Training Company

51st Civil Support Team

Service Battery, 1-119th Field Artillery

126th Press Camp Headquarters

Detachment 1, 1461st Transportation Company

Unit Training Equipment Site (UTES)

Fort Custer Training Center is Augusta, Mich., is a regional multi-purpose training facility which consists of 7,500 acres operated by the Michigan Army National Guard.

The post was established in 1917 as Camp Custer and trained thousands of men for service in World War I, including the famed 339th "Polar Bear" Regiment that served in North Russia.

Today, all branches of the Armed Forces primarily from

Michigan, Ohio, Indiana and Illinois utilize the training. The FBI, Michigan State Police and other law enforcement agencies also train at Fort Custer.

The number of training man-days for FY-2006 was 96,989, an increase of more than 5,000 man-days over the previous year. Included in the total man-days for FY-06 were 49,177 for elements of the Army and Air National Guard and 26,367 for Department of Defense and non-DoD civilians. Peak training months were October (11,503 man-days), July (10,977) and April (9,605).

### Operations and Range Control

Range improvements included the reopening of Range 1 for machine-gun qualification, the clearing and redesign of the anti-tank Range 13, and the redesign of the compass course.

New range towers, bleachers and storage sheds were completed for Ranges 2-8. The targets and firing lines of these ranges were moved to increase safety. The foxhole firing positions were removed to meet new qualification standards.

### Fort Custer Environmental Office

- Assisted range control with development of convoy reaction course and improvements on various ranges, including seeding 40 acres with native grasses and helping train military personnel in fire fighting techniques.
- Completed a \$50,000 timber sale to thin existing saw timber in training area 3 to allow growth of higher value trees. Revenues were disbursed to the Department of Defense and Kalamazoo and Calhoun Counties.
- Continued outreach activities to build public support including, National Public Lands Day, hunter safety classes, environmental education days and hunt volunteer activities.

### Facility Engineering

The new \$12 million Total Army School System building is almost complete with \$4.93 million in construction accomplished this fiscal year.

### Projects completed include:

Remodeling of Moran Hall	\$274,335
New roof for OTC	\$141,994
New dining facility	\$661,216

# Regional Training Institute

## Headquarters, 177th RTI – Augusta, Mich.

- 1st Infantry Battalion, 177th RTI – Fort Custer
  - Infantry Training Company, 1-177th RTI – Fort Custer
  - Infantry Training Company, 2-175th RTI
    - Camp Ripley, Minn.
  - Infantry Training Company, 1-138th RTI
    - Camp Atterbury, Ind.
- 2nd General Studies Battalion, 177th RTI – Fort Custer
  - Ordnance Training Company – Fort Custer
  - Leadership Training Company – Fort Custer
  - Combat Arms Training Company – Fort Custer
  - Officer Candidate School – Fort Custer

The 177th RTI provided military occupational specialty qualification and leadership training to more than 440 Soldiers in fiscal year 2006.

The director, Army National Guard approved the Army School System transformation on Feb. 14, 2006, which authorized the 177th RTI to conduct military police and motor transport operator military occupation specialty courses in fiscal year 2007.

The RTI received an approved TASS Table of Distribution and Allowance Restructure this fiscal year, replacing the 2nd General Studies Battalion with the 2nd Modular Training Battalion which will encompass an Infantry Training Company, a Transportation Training Company, the OCS Training Company and the Non-Commissioned Officer Training Company. Additionally, the 1st Military Police Training Battalion will replace the 1st Infantry Battalion. The effective date of the new TDA is Oct. 1, 2009.

The OCS Training Company received accreditation from the United States Army Infantry School, Fort Benning, Ga., in November 2005.

## Safety and Aviation

- Joint Force HQ (-) Safety and Occupational Health - Lansing
- Army Aviation Support Facility #1 - Grand Ledge
- Army Aviation Support Facility #2 - Selfridge
- Detachment 15, Operation Support Airlift Command - Lansing

Safety and Occupational Health reported its seventh consecutive year with no serious ground or aviation accidents in the Michigan Army National Guard. For the third consecutive year, it increased effectiveness in reporting minor accidents through the development of the lessons learned program. More than 400 Soldiers participated in training to include composite risk

management, ammunition handling, hazardous material transportation, and Occupational Safety and Health Administration requirements.

The Army Aviation Support Facility #1 continued ongoing construction of a new \$23 million facility. AASF #1 personnel successfully completed more than 94 civil and military support missions and received a safety award from NGB Aviation Safety for being an incident free facility. In August of 2006, the facility saw the UH-1 “Huey” helicopter replaced by the EC-145 light utility helicopter.

In October of 2005, the Army Aviation Support Facility #2 personnel were an integral part of post Hurricane Katrina support. AASF dropped sandbags to dam weakened levies, utilizing the heavy lift capabilities of the CH-47 Chinook helicopter. The AASF flew more than 47 civil and military support missions.

The Detachment 15 OSACOM deployed in October 2005 to Bogota, Columbia, South America, to provide U.S. Embassy support to military intelligence and special operations missions. In this six-month deployment, the unit executed approximately 220 flight hours.

During this time, a Detachment 15 pilot deployed with the 214th Aviation Regiment to Stuttgart Army Airfield, Germany in support of Operation Joint Forge, providing air logistic support to Michigan and other units in the Balkans and Afghanistan, executing 137 flight hours. Since the deployments, the detachment has transitioned to a new C-12U aircraft.

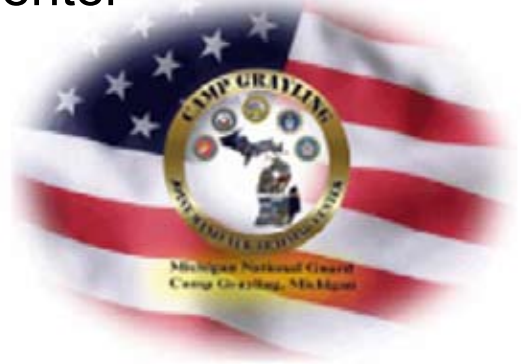


Michigan National Guardsmen from the Army Aviation Support Facility at Selfridge drop sand bags from the CH-47 helicopter into the weakened levies in New Orleans, La., following the devastation of Hurricane Katrina.



# Camp Grayling Maneuver Training Center

Camp Grayling Joint Maneuver Training Center Headquarters  
 Headquarters Detachment  
 Personnel and Community Activities Division  
 Plans, Training, Mobilization, Operations, and Security Division  
 Resource Management Division  
 Logistics Division  
 Facility Engineering Division  
 Provost Marshall Division  
 Airfield Support Division



**Strength:** CGJMTC met the 2006 end strength goal with 173 soldiers assigned (118 percent of authorized) and more than 75 Soldiers cross-leveled since Sept. 11, 2001.

**Equipment:** Constant efforts to update installation equipment and vehicles

**Facilities:** Camp Grayling is the largest Army National Guard training center in the United States. Its 147,000 acres, support every Army weapon system plus the Air National Guard air-to-ground bombing/strafing range. Camp Grayling has more than 400 buildings consisting of quarters, mess halls, administration buildings and other support facilities. Grayling Army Air Field has helicopter tie downs and two 5,000-foot runways for aircraft up to C-130 or C-17.

**Mission:** CGJMTCs provides military units the necessary land, equipment, and support personnel for realistic training to survive on the battlefield. Installation training man-days in fiscal year 2006 was 146,532 with projected increases for fiscal year 2007. The CGJMTC Convoy Commander's Reaction Course noted a substantial increase in usage as Michigan and Ohio units prepared for deployment.

## Camp Grayling Employees:

Army National Guard	173
Army Active Guard and Reserve	10
Technician-Army	35
State employees	28

## Significant events:

CGJMTC supported the first Michigan Army National Guard operational use of tactical unmanned aerial systems within Camp Grayling airspace. With Command Plan 2007 there will be increased use of TUAS.

Camp Grayling received a General Electric Itemizer 3 Ion Trap Mobility Spectrometer and Vapor Tracer 2 Mass Spectrometry Sensor for detection of drug or explosive residue on incoming vehicles and personnel.

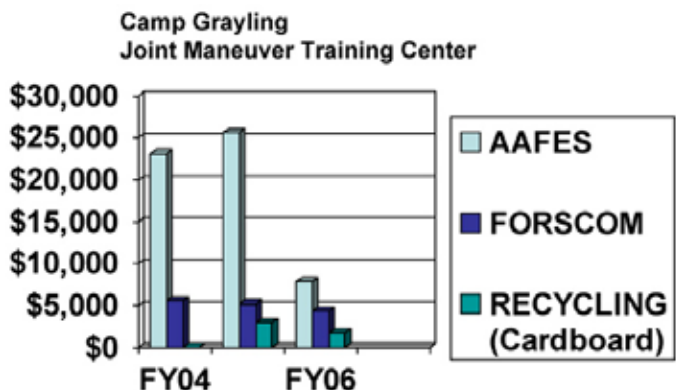
In 2006, Intrusion Detection Systems were installed in ammunition supply points and weapons storage facilities to improve security capabilities and monitor critical assets.

During 2006, the Troop Issue Subsistence Activity issued A-rations, Unit Group Rations, Meals Ready to Eat, bottles of water, and miscellaneous food products, totaling \$1.24 million. The ASP issued 276 short-tons of munitions worth \$3.97 million. Diesel fuel issued by the Fuel Point totaled 215,633 gallons valued at \$502,425 and 76,737 gallons of JP-8 fuel worth \$194,145, plus 6,074 gallons of MOGAS valued at \$14,623. The installation dining facility served 12,121 meals valued at \$108,567. Other supplies issued totaled \$63,636. Hazardous waste disposal included 5.56 tons of contaminated soil, 725 gallons of waste oil (contract recycled), and a variety of hazardous materials totaling \$5,574 in Defense Reutilization Marketing Office disposal costs.

CGJMTC Logistics Division passed the Property Book Audit and received an *Outstanding* chargeable quarters financial audit.

## Soldier Readiness Preparation:

Camp Grayling hosted SRPs for deploying units.



### Community Support:

The JFHQ chief facility management office granted \$80,000 via the Sustainment Repair Maintenance budget, to the Grayling fire department to purchase Level I HAZMAT equipment and provide personnel and training to operate the equipment. This investment benefits the area and Camp Grayling.

### Community Relations:

Camp Grayling supported numerous community events including: American Cancer Society's Relay for Life, Boy Scout Camp Tapico, Au Sable Adventure fund-raisers for Michigan National Guard Family Support Fund, Au Sable River festival and canoe marathon: Junior ROTC, Special Olympics, Cheboygan Vietnam Veterans Association, Law Enforcement Annual Memorial Ceremony, Traverse City Cherry Festival, Crawford County Historical Society, marksmanship match for Governor's Twenty, and the St. Helen Bluegill Festival. Many of Camp Grayling's citizen-soldiers devote many hours of volunteer work in local government, behind the scenes work for numerous community activities, and assistance as sports coaches.

In May 2006, Camp Grayling joined environmental focus groups in Adopt-A-Forest Day. State and federal workers joined forces to clean-up forests within the boundaries of Camp Grayling. In June, Maneuver Area Training Equipment Site employees conducted an Au Sable River clean-up project.

Camp Grayling hosted the high school Envirothon State Competition sponsored by the Michigan Department of Agriculture. The three-day competition in May 2006 provided a learning environment for 275 students and chaperones. Students competed in fieldwork and solving staged environmental issues. Winners went on to the National Envirothon competition.

A new dining facility and a fire crash/rescue building are operational at Grayling Army Air Field. It is a civilian accessible fixed base operation and an example of collaborating with the community to expand economic development, plus preserve and promote civilian aviation throughout Michigan. The Automated Weather Observation Service has terminals located at GAAF base operations and the FBO. Future enhancements include adding living quarters and working with the community to improve and expand the FBO for civilian air traffic.

During fiscal year 2006, Camp Grayling's DEERS/RAPIDS (defense enrollment and eligibility reporting system, real-time automated personnel identification system) ID card center supported more than 100 Soldiers, dependents, and military retirees on average per month.

In 2006, the Northern Michigan Law Enforcement Training Group expanded membership and started an aggressive training program for more than 4,101 law enforcement participants.

The 15th Annual Loomis Battery competition was held on Range 30 at Camp Grayling in July 2006. The Civil War re-enactors group draws a large crowd of spectators and gives the public a view of a by-gone era with Civil War rifle, cannon, and mortar firing competitions.

### Major construction projects:

Recycle Center	\$174,000
Electrical Power backbone	\$1 million
Phase 3 Communications backbone	\$215,000
Bldg. 406Q Renovation	\$857,000
Officer's Quarters	\$734,000
Unit Administration Building	\$692,000
GAAF Distinguished Visitors Quarters	\$550,000

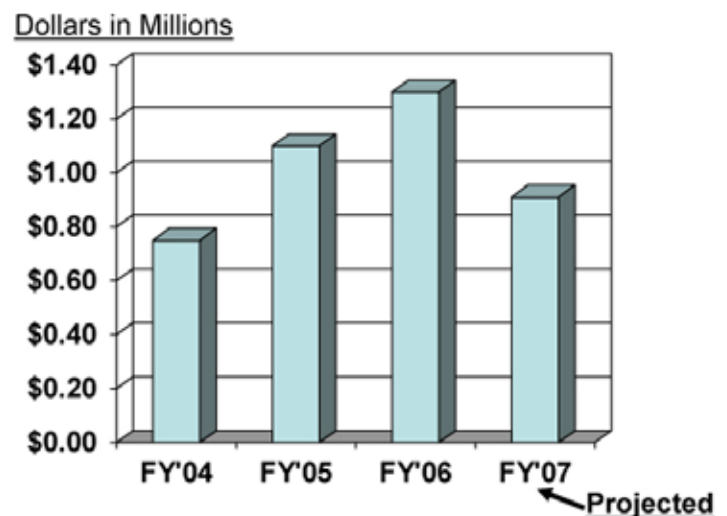
### Military construction:

Multi-Purpose Machine-gun Range	\$1.6 million
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### Self-help construction:

Forward Operating Bases: approx. value: \$2.56 million

### Range and Training Lands Program Funding



Range and Training Lands Program funding is used to maintain the ranges, targetry, target lifters, and the electronics on ranges. The fund is also used for range modernization.



# 63rd Troop Command

## Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 63rd Troop Command - Wyoming

Engineer Brigade - Flint

### 1st Battalion, 125th Infantry - Flint

Company A, 1st Battalion, 125th Infantry - Detroit

Company B, 1st Battalion, 125th Infantry - Saginaw

Company C, 1st Battalion, 125th Infantry - Cheboygan

Detachment 1, Company C, 1st Battalion, 125th Infantry - Alpena

Company D, 1st Battalion, 125th Infantry - Wyoming

Company E, 1st Battalion, 125th Infantry - Big Rapids

Company F, 425th Infantry - Selfridge, Air National Guard Base

250th Military Intelligence Detachment - Selfridge, Air National Guard Base

Company F, 237th Forward Support Battalion - Bay City

### 126th Cavalry Squadron - Wyoming

Detachment 1, HHT - Three Rivers

A Troop, 126th Cavalry Squadron - Cadillac

B Troop, 126th Cavalry Squadron - Manistee

C Troop, 126th Cavalry Squadron - Dowagiac

Company B, Brigade Special Troop Battalion, 37th Infantry Brigade Combat Team - Lansing

Company C, Brigade Special Troop Battalion, 86th Infantry Brigade Combat Team - Wyoming

Company D, 237th Forward Support - Wyoming

### 1st Battalion, 119th Field Artillery - Lansing

Battery A, 1st Battalion, 119th Field Artillery - Port Huron

Battery B, 1st Battalion, 119th Field Artillery - Alma

Battery C, 1st Battalion, 119th Field Artillery - Albion

1st Battalion, 119th FA Forward Support Company - Augusta

### 1st Battalion, 182nd Field Artillery - Detroit

Battery A, 1st Battalion, 182nd Field Artillery - Detroit

Battery B, 1st Battalion, 182nd Field Artillery - Bay City

Battery C, 1st Battalion, 182nd Field Artillery - Lansing

1st Battalion, 182nd Forward Support Company - Detroit

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Six Soldiers from Company B, 1st Battalion, 125th Infantry Regiment were killed in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom. They are:

Spc. Timothy D. Brown, 23, of Cedar Springs, died Nov. 5, 2005 in Al Taqaddum, Iraq of injuries from an improvised explosive device.

Pfc. John W. Dearing, 21, of Hazel Park, Mich., died Nov. 21, 2005 in Habbaniyah, Iraq of injuries from an IED.

Sgt. Spencer C. Akers, 35, of Traverse City, Mich., died Dec. 8, 2005 at Brooke Army Medical Center, Texas, from injuries suffered on Nov. 21 in Habbaniyah, Iraq, when an IED exploded near his vehicle.

Spc. Dane O. Carver, 20, of Freeport, Mich., died Dec. 26, 2005 when his vehicle came under attack while on patrol near Khalidiyah, Iraq.

Sgt. Joshua V. Youmans, 26, of Flushing, Mich., died March 1, 2006 at Brooke Army Medical Center, Texas, from injuries suffered on Nov. 21 in Habbaniyah, Iraq when an IED exploded near his vehicle.



The Fallen Heroes monument is dedicated during annual training at Camp Grayling in August 2006.

Sgt. Matthew A. Webber, 23, of Kalamazoo, Mich., died April 27, 2006 at Brooke Army Medical Center, Texas, from injuries suffered on Nov. 21 in Habbaniyah, Iraq when an IED exploded near his vehicle.

Seventeen Soldiers from Company B, 1st Battalion, 125th Infantry received the Purple Heart and seven Soldiers received the Bronze Star Medal.

Company E, 1st Battalion, 125th Infantry mobilized for active duty May 28, 2006. Following in-processing and training at Fort Dix, N.J., the unit arrived in Kuwait and moved into Iraq as part of the 759th Military Police Battalion Security Force. The unit is expected to return in September 2007.

1st Battalion, 125th Infantry sent a team of Soldiers to Latvia to participate in the third annual *Operation Summer Shield*. The two-week training period allowed the Michigan Soldiers to train a Latvian Infantry Battalion preparing to deploy one of their infantry companies to Iraq as part of a Polish infantry brigade.

1st Battalion, 125th Infantry reorganized in September 2006 from mechanized infantry to an element of the 37th

Brigade Combat Team, Ohio Army National Guard. Company C in Cheboygan reorganized as 46th Military Police Company. Company F, 237th Forward Support Battalion was organized in Bay City, Mich., under the command and control of 1st Battalion, 125th Infantry.

### **126th Armor Battalion to 126th Cavalry Squadron**

A human intelligence collection team of eight Soldiers from Company B, Brigade Special Troop Battalion mobilized March 2006 in support of the Kosovo Force mission. After mobilization in-processing at Camp Atterberry, Ind., the team deployed to Germany for follow-on training, pending movement to Kosovo.

The 126th Armor Battalion reorganized as a Cavalry Squadron during 2006. The transition changes the training direction from the armor perspective to a cavalry reconnaissance, surveillance, and target acquisition perspective. The squadron reorganized into seven subordinate elements: two mounted scout troops in Cadillac and Manistee; one infantry scout troop in Dowagiac, with the Headquarters in Wyoming; one forward support company in Wyoming; one military intelligence company in Lansing; and one signal company in Wyoming. The battalion reorganization culminated with the closing of armories in Three Rivers and South Haven.

In February 2006, 150 troops from the 126th redeployed from OIF. They served as a security force for national government officials, performed route clearing, and other security type missions. A welcome home ceremony at Caledonia High School hosted approximately 3,500 Soldiers, families, students, and civilians. One 126 Armor Battalion member was awarded the Purple Heart and 13 members received the Bronze Star.

In April 2006, fifteen 126th Armor Soldiers returned from a tour of duty in Afghanistan as an embedded training team. During their deployment, the 126th ETT worked throughout the country with several Afghanistan National Army units. Each member of the team served as a U.S. adviser and liaison between the ANA and U.S. coalition forces. One Purple Heart, four Bronze Stars, one ARCOM for Valor, and three Meritorious Service Medals were awarded for actions taken while serving in Afghanistan.

In September 2006, Vice President Dick Cheney recognized the service of the 126th Armor Battalion in the Global War on Terrorism during a ceremony at the Grand Valley Armory in Wyoming, Mich. Approximately 1,500 Soldiers and citizens attended the event.

### **1st Battalion, 119th Field Artillery Battalion**

The 119th deployed 152 Soldiers in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom, Multi National Forces, Iraq. Following in processing and training at Fort Dix, N.J.,

the unit arrived in Kuwait and moved into Iraq to conduct detention operations at Abu Ghraib prison for one year. The unit returned from deployment December 2005.

From February 2005 through May 2006, a 14 Soldier detachment from the 119th deployed to Iraq for one year to support the 125th Infantry's security mission. The detachment was also assigned to the 2nd Brigade Combat Team, 28th Infantry Division out of Pennsylvania.

Sgt. Duane J. Dreasky, 31, of Novi, Mich., a member of the 1st Battalion, 119th, died July 10, 2006 at Brooke Medical Center, Texas, from injuries suffered on Nov. 21 in Habbaniyah, Iraq when an IED exploded near his vehicle.

In total, 62 Soldiers from the 119th deployed with other units in support of OIF. These Guardsmen volunteered or were cross-leveled. Approximately half of the Soldiers served on their second deployment.

The 119th supported more than 30 community events to include parades, funeral honors, ribbon cuttings, store openings, and professional and school sporting events.

The 119th Field Artillery Battalion transformed from 155mm Self Propelled Howitzers to the Paladin Howitzer in support of Michigan's Command Plan 2007. Both artillery pieces fire a 155mm rounds, however, the Paladin is equipped with technology making it more maneuverable on the battlefield, which provides a platform for more accurate delivery of fires.

The 119th stood up a new element, the Forward Support Company in Augusta, which for the first time integrates female Soldiers into the battalion. This change allows for a more mobile, autonomous fighting asset for the Michigan Army National Guard. In conjunction with the transition to paladin, the 119th successfully fielded the Advanced Field Artillery Tactical Data System. The AFATDS puts the newest military artillery targeting and digital communications device in the hands of Michigan Soldiers.

### **1st Battalion, 182nd Field Artillery**

1st Battalion, 182nd deployed 152 Soldiers in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom, Multi National Forces, Iraq.

Following in processing



A Company B, 1st Battalion, 125th Infantry Regiment Soldier mingles with locals in the area known as the Sunni Triangle, which has the highest populace of Saddam Hussein loyalists.



# 177th Military Police Brigade

## Headquarters, 177th Military Police Company - Taylor

### 210th Military Police Battalion –Taylor

- 46th Military Police Company – Kingsford
- 144th Military Police Company – Owosso
- 1776th Military Police Company – Taylor
- 1775th Military Police Company – Pontiac
- 107th Engineer Battalion – Ishpeming
- 1430th Engineer Company (Vertical) – Gladstone
  - Detachment 1, 1430th Engineer Company (Vertical) – Marquette
- 1431st Engineer Company (Sapper) – Calumet
  - Detachment 1, 1431st Engineer Company (Sapper) – Baraga
- 1432nd Engineer Company (Horizontal) – Kingsford
  - Detachment 1, 1432nd Eng. Company (Horizontal) – Iron River
- 1437th Engineer. Multi-Role Bridge Company–Sault Ste. Marie

### 507th Engineer Battalion – Kalamazoo

- 1433rd Engineer Company (Sapper) – Augusta
- 1434th Engineer Company (Vertical) – Grayling
  - Detachment 1, 1434th Engineer Company (Vertical) – Augusta
- 1436th Engineer Company (Horizontal) – Montague
- 1439th Firefighting Team – Grayling
- 1440th Firefighting Headquarters – Grayling
- 1442nd Firefighting Team – Grayling
- 745th Ordinance Detachment – Grayling

### 156th Signal Battalion – Ypsilanti

- Company A, – Kalamazoo
- Company B (-) – Adrian
  - Detachment 1, Company B (-) – Monroe
- Company C – Wyoming
- Company D – Ypsilanti

The brigade headquarters accomplished a wide array of missions this year. Starting with the re-constitution after Hurricane Katrina, they quickly focused on Joint Task Force Steele Hawk for Super Bowl XL in Detroit.

The brigade was the lead for the National Guard Bureau sponsored disaster management training exercise in Washington D.C. They demonstrated the command and control of a Joint Task Force, commanded by Maj. Gen. Jerry Cannon. An estimated 700 U.S. and foreign government officials witnessed the first of its kind event, displaying the wide array of capabilities that the National Guard brings to warfighting and homeland security.

Returning from this exercise the staff and brigade elements participated in Ardent Sentry 2006, a Department of Defense sponsored homeland security exercise that tests first responders from the local level of government through the Department of Defense Northern Command.

**210th Military Police Battalion** mobilized two military police companies and the headquarters company in support of Katrina Operations and two military police companies in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom. The 210th supported annual training lanes and directed military police missions in support of homeland defense.

The battalion has the responsibility of the Michigan Army National Guard Quick Reaction Force and Ready Reaction Force. The battalion issued more than 400 Humanitarian Service Awards and the Louisiana National Guard Ribbons

**46th Military Police Company** supported local responders in Monroe, La., for Hurricane Katrina Operations. In July 2006, 182 Soldiers were mobilized and deployed to Iraq in October in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom. The unit is moving from the Kingsford Armory to the Cheboygan Armory.



**1775th Military Police Company** is the primary Michigan Army National Guard Quick Reaction Force. They supported Ardent Sentry 2006. The 1775th provided support elements for Hurricane Katrina and Operation Iraqi Freedom.

**1776th Military Police Company** provided support elements to Operation Iraqi Freedom. They assisted local responders throughout Mississippi for Hurricane Katrina Operations and provided support to the Detroit Super Bowl Operations. The company is trained and prepared for the secondary mission of Quick Reaction Force.

**156th Signal Battalion** participating in at least five parades in fiscal year 2006. In December 2005, Company A, 156th Signal Battalion delivered food and gifts to 35 adopted needy families in Kalamazoo, Mich. The food and gifts were delivered by a military convoy with police escort.

In August, the battalion supported "Relay for Life," with a team of walkers who raised money for the American Cancer Foundation.

The 156th Signal battalion has been undergoing a major transition this year, inactivating of the battalion and re-organization of the troops to go from a communications battalion to individual communication companies that support a modern Army. Current communication and technology demands the Signal Corps bridge the gap between the field and office environment to support commanders at every level with up to date technology.

Company A, 156th Signal Battalion turned in or transferred \$20 million worth of equipment during June 2006 in preparation for inactivation of the company and activation of the 126th Network Signal Company.

In September 2006, a Military Ball was held to say-good-bye to the 156th.

**507th Engineer Battalion** is executing transformation under Michigan Army National Guard Command Plan-07. With this transformation, the battalion grows from less than 400 personnel to more than 600 personnel assigned. It creates three new units, transforms its headquarters, and relocates units statewide.

Engineers of the 507th provided many personnel and the majority of the equipment used to construct training facilities at Camp Grayling Maneuver Training Center for annual training in 2006. The construction of two forward operating bases, as well as range support missions contributed to the ability to provide a realistic training experience for the Michigan Army National Guard.

**Headquarters, 507th Engineer Battalion** changed from a Headquarters Detachment to Headquarters Support Company/Forward Support Company and has relocated the

unit headquarters from Camp Grayling to Fort Custer and Kalamazoo.

Thirty-nine members of the 507th Engineer Battalion returned from deployment to Iraq in December 2005. While deployed, the 507th conducted command and control operations for engineer reconstruction activities throughout Northern and Central Iraq.

**1438th Engineer Utilities Detachment** transformed to the **1434th Vertical Construction Company**. The company constructed Metalith Bastion Force Protection barriers on Jones Lake Base Camp, Camp Grayling. They are the first engineer unit to use this material for force protection construction. They constructed several force protection bunkers at Fort Custer. These two missions provided realism for Soldiers who train at Camp Grayling. The 1434th training included convoy live fire exercises and theatre specific training at the South Camp Forward Operating Base. The unit conducted many construction support missions.

**1439th and 1440th Firefighting Detachments** transformed into the **1439th and 1442nd** Firefighting teams and stood up the **1440th Firefighting Headquarters**. They received numerous pieces of new equipment and a new tactical firefighting truck. Certification courses were held to improve mission readiness.

The 1433rd Engineer Company stood up a 104 Soldier Mechanized Combat Engineer Sapper Company and is focusing on building strength, training at the small unit level, and pursuing equipment to conduct mission specific training.

**745th Explosive Ordnance Detachment** has the capability to identify, neutralize or destroy explosive devices including unexploded ordnance, improvised



explosive devices, or other explosive hazards. They use a variety of means, such as manual reduction, explosive reduction and removal of the devices. The unit has many pieces of specialized equipment, such as robots, X-ray and other detection devices.

**1436th Engineer Company** changed from combat support to horizontal construction, which increased equipment substantially. In December 2005, 161 Soldiers from the 1436th returned from Iraq in support of the War on Terror.

The 1436th supported the South Forward Operating Base project at Camp Grayling with an additional annual training to relocate more than 22,000 cubic yards of material. They accomplished this while completing a successful RESET of all engineer construction equipment.

**107th Engineer Battalion** welcomed home five separate entities from overseas deployment, along with numerous individual deployments. Several Soldiers from the 107th were involved in individual mobilizations with other units in Michigan. They also underwent many changes with Command Plan 2007. The Ironwood Armory was closed.

In December 2005, 40 members of the Ishpeming-based **107th Engineer Battalion, Assault and Obstacle Platoon** returned from almost 15 months of deployment. They were attached to Company A, 224th Engineer Battalion from the Iowa National Guard. The first mission they accomplished was a repair and beautification project for a school in Najaf, Iraq. They built up forward operating bases throughout Iraq, provided convoy escorts, cache sweeps, and performed various other missions.

A 32 Soldier platoon from **Company B, 107th Engineer Battalion** returned from a yearlong deployment in Iraq where they performed port security missions. Company B, was called to active duty January 2005 and sent to Fort Bliss, Texas, for in-processing and mission specific training. They arrived in Kuwait Feb. 13. From there, they deployed into Iraq, and returned home December 2005.

In January 2006, 112 Soldiers from **Company A and Company C Utility Detachments** returned



Members of the assault and Obstacle Platoon, 107th Engineers prepare a lasting foundation in Iraq.

to Michigan after nearly one year in Iraq. They were called to active duty November 2004 and sent to Camp Atterbury, Ind., for mobilization training. They arrived at Camp Beuhring, Kuwait in late January 2005, and then deployed to Iraq.

The companies consisted of plumbers, carpenters, and electricians and helped rebuild Abu Ghraib prison and improve areas around Camp Liberty and Camp Hope. The two companies completed 1,589 missions, maintained around the clock entry control point operations, and covered countless miles providing convoy escort.

In April 2006, 29 Soldiers from **Company B, 107th Engineer Battalion**, the “Yooper Platoon” returned from deployment to Afghanistan. The Company B Sappers provided security for roads in and out of Afghanistan. The platoon accomplished many of the tasks that a full company size element would normally do. They provided everything from reconsolidating and taking over tactical operations and force protection, as well as site security, logistics, and a hand over to NATO forces. They accomplished these tasks without allowing any attacks led to a quick completion of the road project. The Task Force completed the project ahead of schedule.





# 272nd Regional Support Group

## **Headquarters and Headquarters Detachment, 272nd Regional Support Group – Jackson**

### **1225th Corps Support Battalion – Detroit**

Headquarter and Headquarters Detachment, 1225th Corps Support Battalion – Detroit  
1071st Maintenance Company – Grayling  
1072nd Maintenance Company (Support) – Detroit  
1073rd Maintenance Company (Direct Support) – Greenville  
464th Quartermaster Company - Lapeer

### **746th Maintenance Battalion – Lansing**

Headquarter and Headquarters Detachment, 746th Maintenance Battalion – Lansing  
1075th Maintenance Company – Marquette  
1460th Transportation Company (Palletized Loading System) – Midland  
1461st Transportation Company (Combat Heavy Equipment Transport) - Jackson  
Detachment 1, 1461st Transportation Company – Fort Custer  
1462nd Transportation Company – Howell  
1463rd Transportation Company – Wyoming  
Detachment 1, 1463rd Transportation Company – Sturgis  
1434th Quartermaster Detachment (Water Purification) – Bay City

### **146th Multi Function Medical Battalion – Grand Ledge**

1171st Area Support Medical Company – Detroit

### **107th Quartermaster Battalion Security and Support– Jackson**

HHD, 107th Quartermaster Battalion (Security and Support) - Jackson

### **163rd Personnel Services Battalion – Lansing**

HHD, 163rd PSB – Lansing  
263rd Personnel Services Detachment – Lansing  
363rd Personnel Services Detachment – Lansing

### **3rd Battalion, 238th Aviation Regiment – Grand Ledge**

HHC, 3rd Battalion, 238th General Support Aviation – Grand Ledge  
Detachment 1, Company B, 3rd Battalion, 238th General Support Aviation – Grand Ledge  
Detachment 1, Company C, 3rd Battalion, 238th General Support Aviation – Grand Ledge  
Company D, 3rd Battalion, 238th General Support Aviation – Grand Ledge  
Company E, 3rd Battalion, 238th General Support Aviation – Grand Ledge  
Company F, 3rd Battalion, 238th Aviation and Intermediate Maintenance – Grand Ledge  
Company B 1st Battalion, 112th Aviation (Security and Support) – Grand Ledge

#### **Detachment 1, HHC 1st Battalion, 147th Aviation – Grand Ledge**

Detachment 1, Company B, 1st Battalion, 147th Aviation – Grand Ledge  
Company C, 1st Battalion, 147th Aviation– Grand Ledge  
Detachment 1, Company D, 1st Battalion, 147th Aviation – Grand Ledge  
Detachment 1, Company E, 1st Battalion, Aviation - Grand Ledge



The 272nd Regional Support Group was organized in 2006. The inaugural year of the group proved to be high operations tempo. From November 2005 through March 2006, the 272nd RSG welcomed home Soldiers from the 1225th Corps Support Battalion, Company F, 3-238th AVIM, 263rd Personnel Services Detachment, and the 1461st and 1463rd Transportation Companies.

In September 2006, the Jackson Readiness Center was completed. The new building houses HHD, 272nd Regional Support Group, HHD, 107th Quartermaster Battalion, and the 1461st Transportation Company.

### **1225th Corps Support Battalion**

In November 2005, 59 Soldiers from HHD, 1225th Corps Support Battalion redeployed through Fort McCoy, Wis., from Q-West Base Complex, Iraq. The 1225th CSB served as a battalion headquarters for nine subordinate combat service support companies throughout Iraq.

The 1225th's mission analysis led to the design and construction of the initial QBC fuel farm with a fuel storage capacity of three million gallons, which allowed them to receive and issue more than 65 million gallons of fuel for the entire Multi-National Division-North. The battalion oversaw five transportation companies that logged more than four million truck miles and 2,100 combat logistical patrols.

The 1071st Maintenance Company of Grayling returned to Fort Bliss, Texas from Ar-Ramadi, Iraq in March 2006. The unit was assigned to the 272nd Brigade Combat Team of the Tennessee Army National Guard. Their mission included armament repair, wheeled vehicle repair, track vehicle repair, construction equipment repair,



Lt. Col. Cason and Command Sgt. Maj. O'Leary case the 1225th's colors in preparation to come home.

welders, up-armor installation, class nine logistics support and major cell skilled trade support (electrician). The unit received two Purple Hearts, three Combat Action Badges and four Bronze Stars.

One hundred and seventy Soldiers from the Detroit based 1072nd Maintenance Company deployed to Kuwait and Iraq in October 2005 and returned to Michigan in October 2006. The deployed 1072nd was comprised of 108 Soldiers from Detroit, 42 Soldiers from the 1075th in Marquette, and 20 Soldiers from elsewhere around the state.

The 1073rd Direct Support Maintenance Company is located at the Montcalm Armory in Greenville. The unit returned to Fort Dix, N.J., from Camp Al Taqaddum, Iraq in November 2005. While deployed they supported the 620th Corps Support Battalion, 561st Corps Support Group, and the 1st Corps Support Command. The maintenance teams went to various forward operating bases throughout south central Iraq. The company provided direct support maintenance to more than 50 units at different locations and completed more than 5,000 job orders during the deployment.



The 1073rd Maintenance Company prepare for a convoy in Iraq.

Unit mechanics and technicians provided maintenance training to coalition forces and Iraqi army units. The company provided convoy security and recovery for logistical convoys throughout the dangerous Al Anbar province, totaling more than 75 convoys and traveling more than 2 million miles.

Three Soldiers of the 1073rd were awarded the Bronze Star, two Soldiers were awarded the Purple Heart and the unit commander was the recipient of the Michigan Army National Guard General MacArthur Award.

In May 2005, 31 Soldiers from the 238th mobilized to Fort Sill, Okla., and then deployed to Bosnia in July. The 31 members of 3rd Battalion, 238th CSAB and the 1085th Medical Company supported Task Force Orion in search of personnel indicted for war crimes. They also conducted medical evacuation, air movement and other VIP missions. They returned from deployment in January 2006.

In July 2005, more than 140 Soldiers from the 3rd Battalion, 238th mobilized to Fort Hood, Texas, and then deployed to Kosovo as part of Task Force Talon. Their mission is to support the NATO troops with air movement, medical evacuation and general support aviation.

In October 2005, 87 Soldiers from Company F, 3rd Battalion, 238th General Service Aviation Regiment returned from deployment in Balad, Iraq. In November, 37 members remaining Company F members returned from the 12 month deployment. The 124 238th Soldiers completed 20 aircraft phases, more than 5,000 work orders, and completed 25,000 requests for parts. As a result, the brigade was able to fly more than 60,000 combat flight hours.

### **163rd Personnel Support Battalion**

Forty-seven Soldiers of the 263rd Personnel Services Detachment from Lansing arrived home in November 2005 after a 14-month deployment. The unit served under the Coalition Forces Land Component Command located in Camp Arifjan, Kuwait. The mission required members to travel throughout Iraq, Afghanistan, Qatar, Egypt, and the Horn of Africa.

While the unit served in Iraq, the Soldiers managed Red Cross messages and emergency leave requests. They processed more than 5,000 awards and evaluations, and provided support for five organizations. The 263rd fielded the Deployed Theater Accountability software throughout the theater. The detachment managed all casualty and deceased service member cases, and tracked and reported the strength for the entire area of responsibility.

### **746th Maintenance Battalion**

The HHD, 746th Maintenance Battalion planned, managed the construction, and operated Forward Operating



Soldiers from the 263rd celebrate Christmas in Kuwait.

Base Wolverine for Michigan Army National Guard's annual training at Camp Grayling.

The battalion deployed the 1071st and 1072nd Maintenance Companies and redeployed the 1073rd Maintenance Company. The battalion's force structure changed significantly during the last year. This included transferring the 1071st, 1072nd and 1073rd Maintenance Companies to the 1225th Corps Support Battalion, while taking over command and control of the 1460th, 1461st, 1462nd and 1463rd Transportation Companies. In the midst of this, the 746th continued to support deploying units across the state of Michigan by cross leveling personnel and equipment.

This past year the 1075th Maintenance Company in Marquette supported several community events, starting with the UP 200 Sled Dog Race and ending with the Noquemanon 26.2 mile cross-country ski marathon. During Annual Training 2006, the 1075th supported FOB Wolverine with direct support maintenance, while rotating different 20-man cells through the maintenance mission.

The 1460th Transportation Company in Midland provided support for "Operation Katrina Relief" with 20 Soldiers deployed to the Gulf region from September through October 2006. All of the Soldiers received a state medal from Louisiana. Soldiers also received Life Saving Awards for helping an accident victim on the side of the highway until local law enforcement arrived on the scene.

The unit was notified in October 2005 that they were to deploy to the National Training Center in Fort Irwin, Calif., for rotation 06-07 in support of the 2nd Squadron,



1st Cavalry from Fort Hood, Texas. From May 18 - June 5, 2006 the unit worked in conjunction with the civilian transporters supporting the missions to the forward operating bases at NTC.

In June 2006, 281 Soldiers from the 1461st Transportation Company mobilized to Camp Atterbury, Ind., for extensive training, then proceeded into Kuwait and then Iraq in August. Assuming their mission near the town of Tikrit, they are responsible for transporting all classes of supply throughout the theatre of operations. Today the 1461st rear detachment continues to support the transportation needs by moving Heavy Equipment throughout the state.

The 1461st Transportation Company in Detroit had 38 members return and the 1463rd Transportation Company in Wyoming had 39 members return from deployment in Iraq on Nov. 22, 2005. The 1461st and 1463rd Soldiers were cross-leveled to deploy with the 137th Transportation Company of the Kansas National Guard. The unit was based out of Taji, Iraq and provided logistical support; completed 300 missions and covered approximately 900,000 miles throughout Iraq and Kuwait. Three Purple Hearts were awarded during their deployment.

The 1462nd Transportation Company in Howell had unit strength grow to 143 members while providing 23 additional Soldiers to support the 1461st Deployment. Two Purple Hearts were awarded this year from their deployment to Iraq. The unit supported Annual Training 2006 with 43 truck missions, including support for the Air Guard and the FBI. The unit supported Operation Good Cheer by providing transportation assets to move more than 500 Christmas gifts to the Midland airport.

### **107th Quartermaster Battalion**

The 107th Quartermaster Battalion mobilized in May 2006. After completing their training at the mobilization station – Camp Shelby, Miss., 53 Soldiers arrived in Kuwait in August of 2006. From there the battalion moved to Camp Navistar at the Kuwait-Iraq border and assumed the duties of the command cell. The mission is to operate a deployment base camp and provide base camp life support operations. They are expected to return to the U.S. in 2007.

### **146th Multi-Function Medical Battalion**

The 146th Multi-function Medical Battalion was formed Oct. 1, 2005 and is the first MMB in the Army National Guard and the third in the U.S. Army. The mission of the MMB is to provide command and control, force

health protection, administrative and logistical support for subordinate units.

In July 2006, 68 members of the 146th MMB mobilized to Fort McCoy, Wis., for three months prior to a October 2006 deployment to Iraq to support Operation Iraqi Freedom.

### **1171st Area Support Medical Company**

In July 2006, the 1171st mobilized to support Operation Iraqi Freedom. The members of the 1171st ASMC trained at Fort McCoy, Wis., for three months prior to their deployment to Iraq.



A 1171st Soldier receives big hugs before deploying to the mobilization station in July 2006, prior to deploying to Iraq.



# 46th Military Police Command

46th Military Police Command – Lansing  
Medical Command Detachment – Detroit  
126th Press Camp Headquarters – Augusta  
126th Army Band – Wyoming

## 46th Military Police Command

From May 19-21, 2006 the 46th Military Police Command conducted a situational training exercise, establishing a command post with a Warrior Information Network and section mission essential training at Fort Custer Training Center. From June 2-4, 2006, the unit continued their preparation for annual training with another STX at FCTC that concentrated on battle drills and convoy lanes training. The culminating 72-hour event evaluated the unit's newly formed staff. The evaluation was conducted by Distributed Battle Simulation Program administrators out of Atlanta, Ga. Train

On July 30, 2006 the 46th Military Police Command held a change of command ceremony to honor the outgoing commander, Brig. Gen. Robert V. Taylor and incoming commander, Maj. Gen. Nelson J. Cannon. Command Sgt. Maj. Daniel Lincoln passed the 46th Military Police Command's colors to Brig. Gen. Robert V. Taylor for the last time pending his retirement in September 2005. Gen. Taylor then passed the colors to the Adjutant General Maj. Gen. Thomas Cutler, signifying a successful completion of command. Maj. Gen. Cutler passed the colors to the incoming commander, Maj. Gen. Cannon, and charged him the responsibility as the new commander.

On Aug. 10, 2006, Mandi A. Murray was promoted to the rank of brigadier general during annual training at Camp Grayling. Brig. Gen. Murray is the first female Soldier in the Michigan Army National Guard to achieve this rank.

In August 2006, the 46th Military Police Command was tasked with the Michigan Quick Reaction Force mission.

## Medical Command

The Michigan Army National Guard Medical Command Detachment is a diverse unit that plans and provides health services to support the wartime mobilization medical and dental readiness requirements of the Michigan Army National Guard. They ensure the Soldiers of the MIARNG meet the medical and dental readiness requirements in support of the national military strategy and as needed to respond to state, local and regional emergencies.

During FY 06, MEDCOM operated three medical sites in Michigan serving approximately 8,100 Michigan

Army National Guard Soldiers. Despite being short handed, MEDCOM continued to provide physical exams, dental exams, immunizations and HIV testing at all three locations.

In October 2005, MEDCOM supported the redeployment of various units returning from the Hurricane Katrina relief efforts. During this operation, each MEDCOM Soldier was awarded Maj. Gen. Nelson J. Cannon's "Coin of Excellence" for their professional and outstanding service to those Soldiers' returning from the Hurricane stricken south.

During FY 06, numerous medical and dental corps officers deployed and many health care specialists were cross-leveled into mobilizing units throughout the state. By year's end, MEDCOM had Soldiers serving in Iraq, Bosnia, Germany and various locations throughout the United States.

The MEDCOM participated in an exchange program with the British Territorial Army. Soldiers from Great Britain trained with MEDCOM Soldiers during Annual Training 2006, then Soldiers from MEDCOM traveled to Great Britain to train with the British Territorial Army.

MEDCOM participated and supported multiple Soldier Readiness Processing events throughout the state. Medical professionals from MEDCOM stepped away from their civilian occupations to support the Soldiers and units mobilizing in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom. During the first eight months of fiscal year 2006, MEDCOM supported eight one-week SRPs.

## 126th Press Camp Headquarters

On Labor Day weekend 2006, the 126th Press Camp Headquarters sent a team of military journalists to cover the "Bridge Walk" where Michigan Army National Guard Soldiers provide security on and around the Mackinaw Bridge. It was estimated more than 30,000 people participated in the annual event.

In May 2006, the 126th Press Camp Headquarters trained on convoy operations. The convoy mission was to escort civilian media to an accident site while ensuring their safety with no violations of security, accuracy, propriety and policy.



## 126th Army Band

In December 2005 and May 2006, the 126th Army Band performed at the graduation ceremonies for Michigan Youth Challenge Academy. This bi-annual commitment is a high profile event with guest speakers from military, political, and private sectors.

In December 2005, the 126th Army Band performed an annual special concert to honor veterans. The event was at the prestigious Saint Cecilia Auditorium in Grand Rapids where attendance quickly reached full capacity.

The 126th Army Band also deploys a twelve piece rock band called "Live Fire." This band performed at the NCO Ball in January 2006 and at the Grayling Officer's Club General's steak fry in August 2006.

In March 2006, the 126th Army Band Brass Quintet performed at the Officer's Ball held in Lansing. This premier group also performed at various veterans' facilities military ceremonies throughout the state.

In May 2006, the 126th Army Band performed at the Annual Marine Corps Mess Night held at Gross Pointe Yacht Club. The band played special music from both the United States and Canada.

The 126th Army Band participated in a backfill assignment at Fort Jackson, S.C., July 5-19, 2006. During this training, the band covered all ceremonies on post and many off post community events, performing for thousands of Soldiers and civilians.



46th Military Police Command members initiate convoy training at Camp Grayling.



Brig. Gen. Mandi Murray receives her one-star flag from Command Sgt. Maj. Dan Lincoln during annual training.



Employers of Michigan Army National Guard members take a "boss lift" across Lake Margarethe during annual training.

# Air National Guard

## 110th Fighter Wing

### 110th Fighter Wing Headquarters, Battle Creek Air National Guard Base

- 110th Maintenance Group
  - 110th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron
  - 110th Maintenance Squadron
  - 110th Maintenance Operations Flight
- 110th Operations Group
  - 172nd Fighter Squadron
  - 110th Operations Support Flight
- 110th Mission Support Group
  - 110th Logistics Readiness Squadron
  - 110th Civil Engineer Squadron
  - 110th Security Forces Squadron
  - 110th Services Flight
  - 110th Communications Flight
  - 110th Mission Support Flight

#### **Major changes in equipment, facilities, mission:**

**Equipment:** Conversion from A-10A model aircraft to A-10C model began in 2006 and will continue through early fiscal year 2007.

#### **Facilities:**

- A \$4.1 million project began to expand the size of the Fire Station from 10,265 square feet to 21,100 square feet.
- Construction begun to replace the 60-year old 12,000 square feet Civil Engineer Squadron facility with a new 28,500 square feet facility.
- Construction began for a \$40,000 DoD STARBASE Complex

**Mission:** Waiting for firm commitment on new mission of the 110th, but unit is preparing for a War Fighting Headquarters mission and was identified as one of the ANG units to receive the new Joint Cargo Aircraft.

#### **Significant events:**

In January, the 110th Fighter Wing received an Air Force Outstanding Unit Award with Valor; the valor device is only awarded to those units that distinguish themselves in combat operations. The 110th Fighter Wing has five previous Outstanding Unit Awards, but this was the first to

carry the valor device. The wing was cited for exceptionally outstanding achievement from Nov. 23, 2002 to July 17, 2003. During this time, the 110th was the lead unit in a three-unit rainbow package that participated in Operation Southern Watch out of Kuwait, where it completed 200 sorties and 500 hours of flight time over 30 days.

Six members of the 110th Security Forces Squadron deployed to Detroit to provide assistance to the Motor City's hosting of Superbowl XL.

Gov. Jennifer Granholm and Lt. Gen. Steven Blum, Director of the National Guard, visited the base in June to discuss the potential for the Battle Creek Air National Guard base to transition to the Joint Cargo Aircraft Mission.

#### **Battle Creek DoD STARBASE Program**

The 110th Fighter Wing, Battle Creek was selected to host a DoD STARBASE program. The program is aimed at promoting math and science education for economically or socially disadvantaged youth in the surrounding communities.

#### **A-10 Demonstration at Camp Grayling**

The Wing hosted several tours of the Camp Grayling firing range for the benefit of local media, Guard



employers, wing members and their families. Participants were able to watch a demonstration of the A-10's combat capabilities and the flying skills of its pilots.

### Health Services Inspection

The 110th Medical Operations Group conducted Health Services Inspection. The HSI focused on individual medical proficiency and the administrative procedures used to sustain the wing as a whole. The evaluation measured the wing's compliance rate in terms of inoculations and maintaining current medical records.

### A-10 Aircraft Upgrade

The Wing began the process to upgrade all A-10s to the new A-10C standard to enhance their combat effectiveness. This involves significant upgrades to the electronics and avionics of the aircraft and retraining of the pilots and maintenance crews. The first six aircraft have been sent to Hill Air Force Base Depot for modification. The remaining aircraft will follow at an average rate of two per month before moving on to Davis-Monthan AFB in Tucson, Ariz., where the pilots and ground crews will train on them.

### Future Missions

Throughout the year, the Wing worked with local, state and national leaders to secure future missions, one of which is a Joint Warfighting Headquarters. Additional options include becoming a joint facility, serving a variety of reserve components and a flying mission involving the Joint Cargo Aircraft.

### 2006 Deployment Highlights:

- The Security Forces Squadron deployed four members to Ali Salem Air Base in Kuwait, 11 to Langley Air Force Base in Virginia, and one member each to Honduras and Germany. The average deployment length was more than three months.
- The 110th Civil Engineering Squadron deployed 35 members to Camp San Luis Obispo, California for DFT exercises.
- The 110th Operations Group and 110th Maintenance Group deployed 61 members to Barksdale Air Force Base, Louisiana as part of Air Warrior II exercises.
- The 172nd Fighter Squadron deployed seven A-10s and 93 personnel to Davis-Monthan AFB, Ariz., for Snowbird exercises in January and six A-10s and 54 personnel to Davis-Monthan for CSAR/SOF exercises in February.
- In April, the 172nd Fighter Squadron deployed four to six A-10s and 29 personnel to McDill Air Force Base, Tampa, Fla., for Jaded Thunder exercises.

### Community Events:

**Static Display at Blessing at the Creek:** The 110th Fighter Wing supplied a static A-10 display for the Blessing at the Creek event in May. The event drew approximately 300 participants to have their motorcycles blessed and took place at the W.K. Kellogg Airport.

**Cereal City Corporate Cup:** Wing members competed in the local Cereal City Corporate Cup, which pits local companies and agencies against each other in various feats of physical prowess and skill in a friendly, competitive setting. Several individuals and event teams did well and the Battle Creek community got to interact with members of the Air National Guard base.

**Operation Yuletide Gift Lift:** In December, the members of the 110th collected gift baskets to support local families of members that have deployed overseas.

**Road Hawg:** The increasingly popular Fourth Annual Road Hawg event took place in November. The course runs through the base and features runs of five and 10 kilometers and a five-kilometer walk. The event drew 155 participants from ages seven to 80.

### Human resources as of Sept. 30, 2006

Military pay fiscal year 2006	927 members
Officer Composite Pay	\$3.35 million
Enlisted Composite Pay	\$11.43 million
Total military pay for fiscal year 2006	\$14.78 million

### Full-time employees

Air National Guard Technicians	197	\$15.06 million
Active Guard & Reserve (AGR)	69	\$7.07 million
Real Property Services (State)	17	\$1.13 million
RPS Contract Custodian	4	\$141,333
RPS /Firefighter (State)	24	\$2.48 million
Security Agreement (State)	1	\$69,874
Contract Security	11	\$344,065
Total	323	\$26.29 million



Members of the 110th Fighter Wing Fire Department practice a major accident response during an exercise at the base in August.



# 127th Wing

## Selfridge Air National Guard Base

### 127th Wing Headquarters

- 127th Operations Group
  - 107th Fighter Squadron
  - 127th Operations Support Flight
- 127th Maintenance Group
  - 127th Maintenance Squadron
  - 127th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron
  - 127th Maintenance Operations Flight
- 127th Airlift Group
  - 171st Airlift Squadron
  - 191st Maintenance Squadron
  - 191st Aircraft Maintenance Squadron
  - 191st Operations Support Flight
  - 191st Maintenance Operations Flight
  - 171st Aerial Port Flight
- 127th Mission Support Group
  - 127th Logistics Readiness Squadron
  - 127th Civil Engineer Squadron
  - 127th Communications Squadron
  - 127th Security Forces Squadron
  - 127th Services Flight
  - 127th Mission Support Flight
- 127th Medical Group
  - 127th Medical Operations Flight
  - 127th Medical Support Flight
- 107th Weather Flight

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### Fiscal Year 2006 Significant Events

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FY 2006 Significant Events

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The 107th Fighter Squadron earned its second Air Force

Association Outstanding Air National Guard Flying Unit award for distinguishing itself in mission readiness and support training.

In October 2005, the 127th Airlift Group deployed for Operation Coronet Oak, in South America to support Southern Command airlift operations.

For more than a month, the 171st Airlift Squadron simultaneously deployed to SOUTHCOM and CENTCOM in support of Operation Enduring Freedom and Operation Iraqi Freedom, and NORTHCOM in support of OIF and Hurricanes Katrina and Rita relief efforts.

More than 800 people attended the Annual Wing Ball and awards ceremony November 2005 in Detroit, a boost of 200 more than the previous year.

President Bush arrived at Selfridge Air National Guard Base on President's Day 2006 on his way through the metro-Detroit area.

Col. Michael Peplinski was promoted to brigadier general and assumed command of the 127th Wing at the beginning of the new year, as Brig. Gen. Richard Elliott moved up to become Michigan's assistant adjutant general for Air.

In February 2006, the 127th Wing's state-of-the-art command post served as the joint operation center for air defense support of Super Bowl XL in Detroit. The Level 1 special event included the Department of Homeland Security, Michigan State Police, and FBI.

The Selfridge Joint Honor Guard (representing all branches of the military) presented the flag at the NFL's SuperBowl XL, MLB's All-Star Game, Detroit Tigers and Pistons games, as well as community events.

In fiscal year 2006, commands changed:  
Lt. Col. Rodney Williams - 127th Mission Support Group  
Lt. Col. Michael Thomas - 127th Airlift Group  
Col. David Miller - 127th Wing vice commander  
Lt. Col. Amy Smellie - 171st Airlift Squadron (Michigan ANG first female flying squadron commander)  
Maj. Helen Harris - 127th Services Flight  
Maj. Daniel Whipple - 127th Communications Squadron  
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Starting in February, two teams of 127th Security Forces Squadron members attached to the 376th Expeditionary Security Forces Squadron in Kyrgyzstan for OEF.

Command Sgt. Maj. Lawrence Holland, senior enlisted advisor to the secretary of defense for reserve affairs, attended a luncheon March 3, hosted by 127th Wing Command Chief Master Sgt. Steven Krajewski. Junior enlisted members from all services joined the two men.

Vision 2010, a construction and refurbishing program continued with a March 2006 ground-breaking ceremony for a new \$4 million visitor's center and I.D. card complex. It includes new guardhouses, traffic lanes into and out of the base, and a new vehicle search area.

Selfridge celebrated the Joint Dining Facility opening in July, a ground-breaking ceremony for the Civil Engineer Administration Facility, and linking of buildings 126 and 127. Construction continued on the Joint Medical Training Facility, slated to open in fiscal year 2007.

Thirty-two 127th Civil Engineer Squadron personnel deployed to Camp Roberts and Fort Hunter, in Liggett, California for two weeks to assist a Soldiers Recreation

Center, renovate a barracks and latrine, replace fuse boxes, remove stumps, grade roads, and remove a boiler and pipes.

In April, the 127th Airlift Group tested wartime survival and operational skills in an Operational Readiness Exercise in preparation for an Operational Readiness Inspection, which canceled due to deployment.

Thirty-one wing members, the largest 127th Wing class ever, received Community College of the Air Force degrees in a special graduation ceremony May 2006.

In May 2006, the 107th Fighter Squadron flew newly repaired F-16s in a flight surge during the May drill. The last flight was flown by: Brig. Gen. Michael Peplinski, Lt. Col. Charles Dierkes (his final flight), Lt. Col. David Tenlen, and Lt. Col. Glenn Schmidt.

Ardent Sentry 2006, an annual Homeland Security exercise conducted in Port Huron, Mich., forced local and state agencies to request help from Joint Task Force-Civil Support from Fort Monroe, Va. The 127th Wing assisted JTF-CS personnel with food and setting up an operations center at Selfridge.

The U.S. Army Garrison-Michigan property at Selfridge transferred to the Air Force May 6. The 127th Wing now hosts all tenants, and is responsible for approximately 550 acres and an additional 184 buildings.

More than 500 military and family members from Selfridge attended a troop rally July 10, where Vice President Dick Cheney awarded the 107th Weather Flight's Master Sgt. Henry Christle a Purple Heart, and told the crowd, "When people do good work, I think it's important to look them in the eyes and let them know it."

In July, the Selfridge Air National Guard Base Community Council held a ceremony for the original Tuskegee Airmen – many of whom trained for WW II



ROTC cadets receive an overview of the F-16 cockpit from 1st Lt. Clint Hoover, 107th Fighter Squadron pilot.



at Selfridge. The ceremony recognized their significant accomplishments: flying more than 15,000 sorties, destroying or damaging 136 enemy aircraft in the air and 275 on the ground, never losing a bomber they escorted, and their Congressional Gold Medal given by Congress earlier in the year.

In August, Selfridge hosted senior members of the House Armed Services Committee for a field hearing on northern border security. The public session included Candice Miller, Chairman Duncan Hunter, Rep. Joe Schwartz, and many others. Testifying were: 127th Wing Commander Brig. Gen. Michael Peplinski, St. Clair County Sheriff Dan Lane, U.S. Customs and Border Protection Agency's Detroit Area Sector Chief John Bates, U.S. Coast Guard Detroit Sector Commander, Capt. Patrick Brennan, and Col. Paul Disney, U.S. Army's Northern Commander, Joint Task Force North.

In August, the 127th Maintenance Group underwent a limited ORI, while the 127th Wing had its first installation visit from the Joint Project Manager Guardian Installation Protection Program Lite. The IPP enhances an installation's ability to respond to an NBC attack. Selfridge is the only guard base involved in the program.

Maj. Gen. Hawkins, 18th Air Force commander, visited the 927th Air Refueling Wing and 127th Wing to discuss the KC-135 future mission, followed by a visit from Lt. Gen. Craig McKinley, director of the Air National Guard, during a Michigan ANG facility tour.

In August the 171st Airlift Squadron embarked on its final combat deployment with the C-130 aircraft in support of OIF and OEF.

Approximately 30 members of the 127th Wing deployed to the Southwestern border for Operation Jump Start.

#### **FY 2006 Work force and Payroll**

	Auth.	Assigned	Payroll
Active Guard	130	127	\$11.89 million
Trad. Guard	1181	1225	\$24.63 million
Technicians	338	325	See below*
Civil Service	296	284	\$48.89 million*
State workers	25	23	\$2.16 million
Totals	1970	1984	\$87.56 million

#### **Contract expenditures fiscal year 2006**

Macomb County	\$349,435
Wayne County	\$1.27 million
St. Clair County	\$0
Oakland County	\$3.42 million
Other Michigan	\$728,540



127th Security Forces Squadron Airmen return home from a six-month deployment in Kyrgyzstan and are greeted by the 127th Wing Vice Commander Col. David Miller (in flight suit), 127th Mission Support Group Commander Lt. Col. Rodney Williams, and Mission Support Flight First Sergeant Ethan Boyd.

#### **Outside Michigan: Facility Improvements 2006 Cost**

Relocate Power Poles	\$105,000
Temporary Main Gate	\$47,311
Paint Interior Pump Houses	\$21,250
Airfield Pavement Markings	\$129,800
Upgrade Squadron Ops	\$59,582
Replace Airfield Signs	\$123,005
Abandon Fuel Lines	\$259,997
Demo Bldg 33	\$74,900
Repair Down Spouts	\$12,115
Install Fence at Water Tower	\$10,900
Anti-Static Floor	\$16,780
Under construction 2006	
Construct CE Admin Facility	\$2.28 million
Total	\$3.08 million

#### **127th Wing economic impact for fiscal year 2006**

Active Duty Payroll	\$11.89 million
Traditional Guard Payroll	\$24.63 million
Federal Civilian & Technician Payroll	\$48.89 million
State Civilian Payroll	\$2.16 million

#### **Other O & M Expenditures**

(not including flying program)	\$21.86 million
Total Military Personnel Expenditures	\$2.22 million
Real Property Maintenance	\$2.12 million
Construction Expenditures	\$3.08 million
Total Expenditures	\$116.84 million

#### **Estimated Economic Impact Formula:**

Total Expenditures x 2.5 rollover factor equates to **\$292.1 million economic impact on the local area.**

# Alpena Combat Readiness Training Center

The Alpena Combat Readiness Training Center is 100 percent federally funded and is maintained by the Michigan Air National Guard. The facility is co-located with the Alpena County Regional Airport in a 675-acre area, seven miles west of the city of Alpena, Mich.

CRTC's primary mission is to provide training facilities for Air and Army National Guard units, Michigan State Police, municipal and county law enforcement and all branches of the military. An average of 17,000 personnel train at the CRTC annually.

## Fiscal Year 2006 major events

- In December the Environmental Office started a recycle initiative allowing base personnel to recycle household items twice a year. The proceeds from sales of recyclables supported the Unit Welfare Fund.

In March, CRTC hosted a second civic leader tour to Lackland AFB, Texas. Thirty leaders from the Alpena area were transported on a 127th Wing C-130.

- In April, CRTC hosted the local Military Support Committee to a dinner in appreciation for seven receptions they held for visiting unit personnel.
- CRTC Civil Engineering and the Grayling Air to Ground Range both received the MITAG Quality Bronze Award in June.

- CRTC was first military base in the state designated a Clean Corporate Citizen by the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality.

- Grayling Air to Ground Range held its Community Day celebration with approximately 1,000 people in attendance. Aerials demonstration were provided by the 127th Wing, 110th Fighter Wing, and a Coast Guard helicopter unit from Traverse City.

- The Ground breaking and ribbon cutting ceremonies were held for beginning construction on the Squadron Operations and completion of the Thunder Bay Dining Facility. Sen. Levin and Brig. Gen. Elliott were guest speakers for the event.
- Michigan Freedom Academy, Michigan National Guard Youth Leadership Camp, Junior ROTC and Civil Air Patrol held their annual camps in July.



Youth Leadership Camp "Trailblazers" gather with Maj. Gen. Thomas Cutler near the rock wall. The Trailblazers were motivated by Gen. Cutler's climb to the top of the wall.

- In August, Lt. Gen. Craig R. McKinley, the Air National Guard Director, toured the facility to assess the base for future training requirements.
- The CRTC hosted the Michigan State College of Veterinary Medicine and several Northeast Michigan humane societies as they joined forces in a spay/neuter clinic for area shelter and rescued dogs and cats.





- The Alpena Area Chamber of Commerce held a USO Show fund-raiser with many of the CRTC personnel participating in the event.



### Medical Readiness Training

The 2006 was the first year the Medical Readiness Training Site began FEMA Regional month long mobile classes. The classes consist of 3 weeks of EMEDS classes and a 3-4 day exercise with other military agencies and civilians.

Total Training Days	113,295
Total Personnel	16,503
MRTS Training Classes	17
Students Trained	1,029Total
Number of Units that Trained	183
Units with less than 300 Personnel	166
Units more than 300 Personnel	17
Flying Units/Non flying Units	14/169
Grayling Air-to-Ground Range Sorties	1,594
AKITS Sortie Count	3,282
Military Aircraft Traffic	4,729
Civilian Aircraft Traffic	9,690

### Inspections and Awards

The TAG Quality Cup Bronze Award was presented to Base Civil Engineering and Grayling Air to Ground Range.

Michigan Department of Environmental Quality was recognized the CRTC for environmental excellence.

The CRTC was designated as a Clean Corporate Citizen, the first in Alpena County as well as the first Michigan military installation to be recognized.

Amy Butler, Michigan Department of Environmental Quality presented Col. Ewin Sansom, CRTC commander, Maj. Ken DeGraaf, director of CRTC environmental section, and Brig. Gen. Richard Elliott, assistant Adjutant

General for Air, a certificate for environmental excellence.

### New Construction

Completion of the Thunder Bay Dining Facility in May brought the facility on line for use in June. The \$8.5 million project replaced a 1950s steel dining hall.

In August, construction began on two squadron operations, a command post and a 32,900 square feet facility to house ORI/ORE equipment. The \$9.5 million projects will provide four facilities for unit training.

### Future Training Asset Acquisition

During 2006, plans for acquisition of Joint Threat Emitters were continued.

### Personnel/Employee Statistics

Active Guard Reserve Air/Army	92/2
Traditional Guard Air/Army	26/52
State/contracted employees	23/75
Total employees	270

### Alpena CRTC Economic Impact

Category	Expenditures
Military payroll	\$5 million
O&M funding	\$6.7 million
Military personnel funding	\$400,000
Facility improvements	\$2 million
Total visiting unit expenditures	\$2 million
Total	\$16 million

### Estimated total economic impact

\$16 million x 4.5 rollover factor = \$72 million



Col. Ewin Sansom receives the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality award on behalf of the Alpena, CRTC. The CRTC is the first military base in the state designated as a Clean Corporate Citizen by the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality.



# Homeland Security

Homeland Security Headquarters - Lansing, Mich.

Director of Military Support

Military Support to Civilian Authorities

Michigan Volunteer Defense Force

Anti-Terrorism and Force Protection

Counterdrug Division

Reconnaissance and Interdiction Detachment - Grand Ledge, Mich.

Light Armored Vehicle Ground Operations Program

Drug Demand Reduction Program

Substance Abuse Program

1033 Program

Counterdrug Intelligence Support

51st Civil Support Team - Augusta, Mich.

Exercise Division

The Michigan National Guard Homeland Security directorate, under Col. Michael C. McDaniel has continued to mature during its fourth year in existence. The directorate has achieved many major milestones and is nationally recognized as a leader in Homeland Security preparedness. Continued improvement is mandated in their strategic plan, *Securing Michigan 2010*, and employee professionalism is evidence by their many achievements. The directorate provides critical assistance in a variety of supporting roles. Each element within the directorate is capable of independent operations based upon contingency requirements.

## Mission

Protect and secure citizen's property; deter terrorist attacks; respond to threats and hazards to Michigan. Assist civil authorities in planning and preparing for all threats and disasters, natural or man-made.

## Vision

A full partner in the Governor's Homeland Security Team, providing Michigan citizens greater security in their homes and communities.

## Values

Teamwork – Excellence – Integrity – Selfless Service

## Homeland Security Headquarters

- Col. McDaniel was elected to the National Governor's Association's Homeland Security Executive Committee.
- The Homeland Security teams continued to maximize the use of resources and were able to assist the Michigan Army National Guard by transferring more than \$450,000 of federal funding for their use during 2006.
- Additionally, the team obtained \$150,000 federal funds to support Army and Air Guard participation in Exercise Ardent Sentry.

- The directorate cosponsored a Homeland Security Field Day with Emergent BioSolutions, which showcased the Michigan National Guard's homeland security capabilities.
- The partnership with the National Automotive Center continued to flourish and provided visibility of future technologies during successful support to the All-Star Game, Super Bowl XL, and several NASCAR events.

## Director of Military Support

- Participated in multiple tabletop and functional exercises with local, state and federal agencies and first responders. The DOMS staff was a major participant in the multi-national, multi-state emergency management exercise – *Ardent Sentry*.
- Team members attended the National Guard Bureau Domestic Operations Conference and the Anti-terrorism Level IV Course; trained on E-TEAM, an emergency management computer program; and attended emergency management conferences.
- Conducted vulnerability assessments on critical infrastructure facilities throughout Michigan with assistance from the Michigan State Police Emergency Management Division.
- Conducted a baseline security vulnerability assessment of Army National Guard facilities to provide leadership with tools to improve security.
- Participated with the security and response planning committee for the Super Bowl XL and the World Series, both held in Detroit.
- Represented the adjutant general on the governor's Michigan Public Safety Communication System advisory committee.





The Michigan National Guard Joint Task Force work to develop a response plan with Homeland Security and the St. Clair County Sheriff Department during AS06



The Operation Center at Superbowl XL in Detroit was an excellent “real world” event.

- DOMS inaugurated the adjutant general’s Joint Planning Group to develop contingency plans for the Michigan National Guard during the next 6-12 months.

- Worked with Joint Force Headquarters-National Capital Region to update the State Funeral Plan. Coordinated and participated in the National Funeral Plan Conference.

### Counterdrug

During 2006, the Counterdrug intelligence analysts seized more than 10,654 pounds of marijuana, 12,000 ecstasy pills, 42 pounds of cocaine, three pounds of crack cocaine, six pounds of heroin, 48 pounds of other drugs (including methamphetamine), 13 weapons, 21 vehicles, and \$221,070 in drug currency. Total value of all seizures during 2006 was more than \$21.2 million.

The Michigan National Guard Counterdrug 1033 program assisted more than 530 law enforcement agencies in procuring excess federal property. To date, the 1033 Program has transferred more than \$23.75 million worth of excess federal property, including an OH-58 Helicopter and four rigid hull inflatable Zodiac boats.

The Drug Demand Reduction Program completed 50 drug awareness missions, reaching more than 1,000 youth in 10 counties.

The Reconnaissance and Interdiction Detachment continued outstanding support of the Michigan State Police with missions resulting in 40 arrests, the capture of one escaped felon, and more than \$20 million in drugs and drug related confiscations. The detachment assisted in flying security for Super Bowl XL in Detroit and remained on standby to fly in support of the homeland



An OH-58 RAID helicopter flies missions over Northern Michigan.

security exercise Operation Ardent Sentry.

The RAID flew 60 missions totaling 826.2 flight hours. Many missions were multi-jurisdictional with the Michigan State Police, U.S. Border Patrol, ATF, and FBI. Additionally, ground operations supported 20 missions with state and local law enforcement agencies.

### 51st Civil Support Team

Elements of the 51st CST deployed to the Detroit to support the North American International Auto Show with daily chemical, biological, radiological, nuclear and high yield explosives sweeps inside Cobo Hall prior to the auto show. They established a robust communication and analytical presence during the Jan. 7-21, 2006 event. They conducted continuous air monitoring in and around Cobo Hall in support of the FBI Hazardous Material Response Unit and Detroit fire officials. The 51st CST has supported this event every year since the team's inception in 2002.

On April 25, 2006, the 51st CST participated in a 1st U.S. Army external evaluation in Harrisburg, Penn., an 18-month requirement to maintain certification. The team achieved a perfect score of "T" (trained) on all 15 mission essential tasks. Additionally, they received a first time "Go" on all 400 subtasks associated with the mission essential tasks. They are the first CST in the nation to accomplish this feat.

The 51st CST deployed to Detroit to provide CBRNE support to federal, state, and local authorities during Super Bowl XL. The 51st conducted air monitoring inside and around Ford Field and assisted local authorities in the prescreening of more than 60,000 spectators entering Ford Field the week prior to Super Bowl Sunday, Feb. 5, 2006.

On Sept. 25, 2006, the 51st CST provided support to the U.S. Secret Service with CBRNE monitoring and

mitigation during Vice President Dick Cheney's visit to Grand Rapids, Mich. Thirteen members of the team assisted the vice president's security detail.

The 51st CST deployed to Detroit on Oct. 21 and 22 for the 2006 World Series in support of the FBI, Detroit Police, and Detroit Fire and HAZMAT team. The 51st team members pre-staged at the U.S. Coast Guard Station and their mission was rapid deployment to Comerica Park and the surrounding venues in the event of a CBRNE attack.

### Exercise Planning

This branch coordinated the planning, execution and evaluation of Exercise Ardent Sentry 2006. AS06 was a national homeland security exercise sponsored by the Department of Defense, which combined field training and command post exercise activities.

The exercise tested the federal, state and local responders' reactions to incidents of national significance under the National Response Plan. It included the ability to mobilize and deploy DoD resources and coordinate response efforts with international partners. A full-scale training exercise, AS06 included private sector businesses and industry.

During AS06, the following training objectives were exercised by the agencies involved: ability to conduct inter-agency communications; interoperability of emergency operation centers at the federal, state, and local level; ability of select Michigan National Guard and State Police units to respond to terrorist activities; and the ability to exercise bilateral plans and information sharing between Michigan, Ontario, Canada and the U.S. Coast Guard. AS06 strengthened partnership of all the homeland security organizations involved.

National Incident Management System and National Response Plan training was conducted extensively prior to AS06 resulting in greater awareness of these plans throughout Michigan.

The greatest value gained during AS06 was the interaction of multiple agencies at federal, state and local levels. The relationships gained by the participants during planning and execution of AS06 will prove invaluable in the event of an actual incident.

### Economic Impact

Payroll for 2006	\$2.5 million
Department of Homeland Security grant funding	\$591,000
Partnership Funding	\$200,000
Counterdrug Funding	\$1.49 million



# Veterans Affairs

## Organization

The Veterans Affairs Directorate has responsibilities for the administration and operation of the Michigan Veterans Trust Fund, the Michigan Homes for Veterans, constituent service or referral and the state's grant to eleven federally chartered veterans service organizations and the Michigan Association of County Veterans Counselors.

## Veterans Homes

The State of Michigan has provided nursing care for veterans since 1885. The Veterans Affairs Directorate has proudly provided the administration and leadership for the Homes since 1991.

During the year, the Grand Rapids Home for Veterans and the D. J. Jacobetti Home for Veterans in Marquette provided care for 1,300 veterans or their dependents. We offered state-of-the-art services in medical, nursing, nutritional, personnel, religious and social services.

We cared for veterans and dependents from World War II, Korea, Vietnam, Southwest Asia and the Cold War eras. The following table compares the Veteran Homes' average war era population during fiscal year 2001 through 2005, and the war era population at the end of fiscal year 2006.

Era or time-frame	Average for last five years	Fiscal Year 2006
World War II		
Korea	156	141
Vietnam	183	227
Cold War (1946-1950, 1955-1961, 1975-1990)	100	137
Southwest Asia (1990-2006)	6	12
Dependents	42	35

## Tuition Grant Program

The year 2005 marked the final year of the Michigan Veterans Trust Fund Board of Trustees administers and provides financial tuition assistance to children of military personnel who die while on active duty or to veterans with 100 percent service connected disability. As of January 1, 2006 the Tuition Grant Program was legislatively funded and administratively relocated with the Michigan Department of Treasury Office of Scholarships and Grants, under Public Act 248 of 2005. A seamless transition occurred between the two departments.

The Michigan Veterans Trust Fund received more than 3,400 requests for military discharge certificates and dispersed more than \$846,225 through the Veterans Emergency Grant Program.

Applications for MVTF assistance	
Applications received	2,361
Applications approved	1,292
Veterans assisted	2,646
Grants requested	\$3.29 million
Grants approved	\$846,225
Categories	
Rent	\$260,743
Mortgage	\$165,511
Heat	\$138,676
Medical	\$36,439
Utilities / All Others	\$21,061
Food	\$22,664
Transportation	\$50,975
Home repair	\$31,955
Property tax	\$18,351
Miscellaneous	\$14,156
Total Grants	\$846,216

## Salute to Veterans

The Michigan Paralyzed Veterans of America held their "Salute to Veterans 2005" banquet on Veterans Day, Nov. 11, 2005. Gov. Jennifer M. Granholm joined more than 300 attendees at this event to honor all veterans and remember 68 Michigan "Fallen Heroes" who have been killed in action since the onset of Global War on Terror. The keynote speaker for the event was Col. Jack Lousma.



Gov. Jennifer Granholm enjoys the Salute to Veterans dinner with the keynote speaker, Col. Jack Lousma.



Brig. Gen. Carol Ann Fausone, with Col. and Mrs. Jack Lousma at the Paralyzed Veterans of America banquet in November 2005.

## New Home

Fiscal year 2006 was a very busy for the Veterans Affairs Office. Along with the transition of the Tuition Grant Program, the directorate moved to the Department of Military and Veterans Affairs campus located at 3423 N. Martin Luther King Blvd. in Lansing.

## MPVA Donate \$5,000 to Michigan Veterans Homes

In 2006, the Michigan Paralyzed

of America donated a gift of \$5,000 for the activity funds of the Grand Rapids and Marquette Veterans Homes. The gift represents proceeds from the November 2005, "Salute to Veterans" gala. The check was given to Veteran Affairs Director Brig. Gen. Carol Ann Fausone, the Board of Managers, and the administrators of the states veteran's homes, Frank Snarski and Bradford Slagle, at a regular meeting of the state Veteran Service Organization Commanders group.

"We're proud to give what we can to support the needs of Michigan's veterans homes," said Maurice Jordan, MPVA executive director. "The members of these homes fought for freedoms and defended our rights. Now it's our turn to show our appreciation for their service and their sacrifice."

## Forgotten Eagles Donate to Michigan Veterans

The Forgotten Eagles of Michigan, a Veterans support group with chapters and membership encompassing the entire State of Michigan made history for the second year. In 2004 The Forgotten Eagles of Michigan, through the proceeds of their annual Ride Around Michigan fund-raiser became the largest contributor to the Michigan Veterans Trust Fund in the history of the State of Michigan.

In November 2005 the Forgotten Eagles presented another donation to the Michigan Veterans Trust Fund at the Michigan Veterans dinner held in Grand Rapids. Forgotten Eagles President L. Terrence Nelson stated that the Forgotten Eagles of Michigan is very pleased to be able to once again help the Veterans of the State of Michigan.



The annual Ride Around Michigan is just a part of the on going support that the Forgotten Eagles accomplished in 2006. The group helped to pay for the funerals of two veterans from the Mount Pleasant area and helped a displaced veteran's family in Gwinn buy a new house. They also helped purchase a new transport van for Sault Ste. Marie and Ontonagon County veterans.

## New Resting Place for Michigan Veterans

On Saturday, Oct. 15, 2005, the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs hosted a flag raising ceremony at the Great Lakes National Cemetery, commemorating the dedication of Michigan's second national cemetery.

The years of waiting for this 122nd national cemetery were forgotten as the bugler sounded Taps across the 544 acres in Holly Township. This cemetery will meet the needs of more than 460,000 veterans and their families in the Detroit, Ann Arbor, Lansing, Saginaw, Bay City, and Flint, Mich., areas. Burials began on Oct. 17, 2005.

**"To care for him who shall have borne the battle and for his widow, and his orphan." – Abraham Lincoln**



# United States Property and Fiscal Office

The Supply and Services Division is the largest division within the United States Property and Fiscal Office; supplying Michigan's Army National Guard with Soldiers' clothing, and equipment and unit equipment.

The five major areas of the division are:

Central Issue Facility

Material Management Branch

Property Management Branch

Transportation Section

Warehouse Section.

During 2006, the Supply and Services Division continued its support of Soldiers in Operation Iraqi Freedom and Operation Enduring Freedom.

The Central Issue Facility purchased more than \$1.1 million of new equipment and received an additional \$600,000 of equipment to support the 1,700 Soldiers activated for OIF and OEF.

The Material Management Branch has the oversight of ordering materiel through the unit level Integrated Materiel Automation Program. Orders placed and filled total more than \$1.3 million.

In 2006, the new Army Combat Uniform was fielded to the Michigan Army Guard. The Material Management Branch was the lead team involved in compiling quantities, sizes, and special requirements.

In 2006, Soldiers ordered clothing on-line from the Central Clothing Distribution Facility totaling approximately \$1.1 million.

Through the on-line Optical Insert Program with the Naval Ophthalmic Support and Training Activity, MMB ordered more than 1,100 pairs of prescription eyeglass inserts for chemical protective masks at an average cost of \$18 per pair.

The Property Management Branch manages and accounts for all material and equipment within the Michigan Army National Guard. Total asset accountability is currently greater than \$723 million of federal property. The Property Management Branch performs annual property book reviews and change of command reviews when required for each property account in the Michigan Army National Guard.

PMB is responsible for historical property controlled by the Center for Military History. PMB insures monuments and artifacts at state armories and installations are catalogued and maintained to standards outlined by the CMH.

In 2006, the Transportation Section oversaw the movement of more than 3.1 million pounds of freight. This includes support of MIARNG Soldiers and equipment assisting in Latvia and the training of Soldiers deploying in support of OIF and OEF. This includes more than 24,000 passengers by commercial bus and 11,000 flights by commercial airline.

The Warehouse Section is the focal point of the Michigan Army National Guard logistics operation. In 2006, more than 20,000 requisitions for supplies and equipment generated at the unit level processed through the warehouse SARSS1 for validation and determination of sourcing requirements. New equipment fielding to include 100 M-4 carbine rifles, 4,500 sets of individual body armor, and reconditioned equipment returning from OIF shipped through the USPFO warehouse.

During fiscal year 2006, this office batch processed over 2.6 million requests for supplies from such sources as IMAP, and an additional 15,260 entries keyed in manually. The warehouse received and processed more than 15,000 pieces of equipment turned in by the units as excess or obsolete.

The Warehouse secured more than 1,500 CPUs from Federal Reutilization Centers and facilities, and supported Army National Guard units deploying for OIF and the U.S. Army's Logistics Training Center at Ft. Lee, Va. These items were free to the MIARNG and were valued at more than \$1 million.

## Comptroller Division

The Comptroller Division manages the federal budget; accounts for and pays all traditional Soldiers, Active Guard and Reserve Soldiers and all Soldiers mobilized in support of OIF and OEF. The section; processes and pays all commercial vendor invoices; processes all Soldier travel vouchers; accounts for all federal funding within fiscal accounting; and operates an internal management control branch, auditing our own systems and functions for fiduciary, pecuniary, and program compliance.



During 2006, the Military Pay Branch provided a test platform for the Army National Guard Bureau, testing a new pay system called MyUnitPay. This new program tremendously decreased the time it takes to pay Soldiers from five - seven days to 36 – 48 hours.

The Comptroller Division Budget Branch successfully executed two federal appropriations: the National Guard Personnel and Administration 2060 totaling \$60 million, and Operations and Maintenance, National Guard 2065 – totaling \$89 million. Both Appropriations executed 99.9 percent in obligations.

The Pay and Voucher Exam Branch processed pay for 8,700 Soldiers in excess of \$120 million. The branch processed more than 15,000 travel vouchers with a processing time of six days and processed payments to commercial vendors in excess of \$71 million. The branch earned \$49,000 in credit card rebates.

#### Data Processing Installation

The Data Processing Installation is responsible for supporting all automation, network and data communications infrastructure within the USPFO and other tenant organizations within its garrison compound. The DPI maintains and supports the software that comprises the operating environment of the agency Local Area Network as well as all application software. The DPI is the repository for the data used by the Michigan Army National Guard to report to National Guard Bureau and other agencies.

The DPI has a full-time staff of eight and ensures all systems are available 24/7. The staff has two areas; customer support and systems support. Customer support is responsible for operation and administration of the Standard Army/NGB Management Systems; help desk response; and for providing PC hardware and software support. The systems support consists of one senior systems administrator, one network administrator, one database administrator and one web/applications programmer. This area is responsible for database administration, network and systems administration, maintaining the USPFO web site, and software application development.

#### Internal Review Division

The Internal Review Division completed 63 reviews that included formal, special, consulting, liaison and follow-up. In addition, IR provided customers with professional, objective, timely, and relevant audit services as indicated by the customer surveys completed after each audit.

During fiscal year 2006, the IR division identified \$252,540 in cost savings. The division also identified non-monetary benefits resulting in 18 recommendations in improved management controls.

During this period, the IR division achieved the National Guard Bureau Internal Review Four Star Award. This award is NGB-Internal Revenue's highest Star Award. Criteria for the award include serving on IR related committees, participating in Army-wide reviews, and providing training. The division also received the Adjutant General's Quality Cup "Silver Award". One USPFO IR evaluator received national recognition as the "Evaluator of the Year 2006" from NGB-IR.

#### Purchasing and Contracting Division

The USPFO Purchasing & Contracting Division had a moderately successful year supporting the Department of Defense Socio Economic Programs during 2006. The procurement dollars that were awarded to contractors within each program are as follows:

Small Business \$26.65 million

HUB Zone Small Business \$7.2 million

Small Disadvantaged Business \$5.38 million

Woman Owned Small Business \$3.55 million

Service Disabled/Veteran Owned \$1.66 million

# 2006 Economic Impact (Federal Funds) Totalled by MACOM Michigan Army National Guard

MACOM UNIT	DISTRICT	COUNTY	City	Total
1437 ENGR CO	1	Chippewa	Sault Ste Marie	313,363
1437 ENGR MULTI-ROLE BRIDGE CO	1	Chippewa	Sault Ste Marie	1,012,290
CO A (-) 107 ENGR BN CBT CORPS	1	Houghton	Calumet	82,117
CO B (-) 107 ENGR BN CBT CORPS	1	Gogebic	Ironwood	176,925
CO C 107 ENGR BN REAR	1	Delta	Gladstone	195,793
HHC 107 ENGR BN (CBT) (CORPS)	1	Marquette	Ishpeming	1,187,984
46 MP CO CBT SPT REAR	1	Dickinson	Kingsford	190,688
1432 EN CO (SUPPORT)	1	Dickinson	Kingsford	74,913
DET 1 1432 EN CO (SUPPORT)	1	Iron	Iron River	72,349
1430 EN CO (VERT)	1	Delta	Gladstone	137,166
DET 1 1430 EN CO (VERT)	1	Marquette	Marquette	108,979
1431 EN CO (SAPPER)	1	Houghton	Calumet	137,717
DET 1 1431 EN CO (SAPPER)	1	Barga	Baraga	130,287
144 MP CO (CBT SPT)	4	Shawassee	Owosso	1,027,828
144 MP CO CBT SPT REAR	4	Shiawassee	Owosso	120,213
NET SIG CO (ME BDE UA)	6	Kalamazoo	Kalamazoo	173,649
1775 MP CO (CBT SPT)	9		Pontiac	860,455
HHD 210 MP CO	15	Wayne	Taylor	425,098
1776 MP CO (CBT SPT)	15	Wayne	Taylor	853,973
HHC 177 MP BDE (TAACOM)	15	Wayne	Taylor	1,749,656
HHD 210 MP BN	15	Wayne	Taylor	1,161,759
177 MP BDE Total				10,196,632
MI ARNG REG TNG SITE - MAINT	6	Kalamazoo	Augusta	719,728
1ST BN 177TH REGT (IN)	6	Kalamazoo	Augusta	370,273
2ND BN 177TH REGT (GS)	6	Kalamazoo	Augusta	746,964
HQ 177TH REGT (RTI)	6	Kalamazoo	Augusta	791,845
177 REGT RTI Total				2,628,810
HQ 107 ENGR BN	1	Marquette	Ishpeming	689,217
HQ 107 EN BN HQ	1	Marquette	Ishpeming	7,311
1071 MAINT CO (HVY EQUIP) (GS)	1	Crawford	Camp Grayling	510,526
1071 MAINT CO (HVY EQUIP) REAR	1	Crawford	Camp Grayling	290,739
1075 MAINT CO (-) NON-DIV DS	1	Marquette	Marquette	559,677
1463 TRANS CO (-)	3	Kent	Wyoming	389,772
1460 TC COMPANY (-)	4	Midland	Midland	2,347,232
1073 MAINT CO (NON DIV) (DS)	4	Montcalm	Greenville	562,021
1434 QM DET (WTR PURIF)	5	Bay	Bay City	106,274



MACOM UNIT	DISTRICT	COUNTY	City	Total
DET 1 1461 TRANS (CBT HET)	6	Kalamazoo	Augusta	192,990
CO F 238 AVIM	7	Clinton	Grand Ledge	336,082
CO F 238 AVIM REAR	7	Clinton	Grand Ledge	63,316
CO F 238 AVIM TRN DUIC	7	Clinton	Grand Ledge	5,989
246 TRANS BN	7	Jackson	Jackson	69,481
272 RSG	7	Jackson	Jackson	847,237
DET 1 HSC 638TH DASB	7	Clinton	Grand Ledge	1,295
HHD 107 QM BN (S&S)	7	Jackson	Jackson	996,030
107 CS BN HHD REAR	7	Jackson	Jackson	102,260
1461 TC CO CBT HET REAR	7	Jackson	Jackson	165,215
CO B (-) 1ST BN 112TH AVN (S&S)	7	Clinton	Grand Ledge	230,890
AASF #1	7	Clinton	Grand Ledge	5,952,003
HQ & SVC CO 1 BN 238 AVN	7	Clinton	Grand Ledge	77,891
DET 1 CO C 3RD BN 238TH AVN	7	Clinton	Grand Ledge	99,571
CO D 3RD BN 238TH AVN	7	Clinton	Grand Ledge	221,102
CO E 3RD BN 238TH AVN	7	Clinton	Grand Ledge	254,694
HHC 3RD BN 238TH AVN	7	Clinton	Grand Ledge	554,587
238 AV BN 03 HHC FWD2	7	Clinton	Grand Ledge	1,127,700
CO B(-) 1 BN 147 AVN	7	Clinton	Grand Ledge	60,165
DET 1 CO B 1 BN 147 AVN	7	Clinton	Grand Ledge	53,399
CO C 1 BN 147 AVN	7	Clinton	Grand Ledge	167,286
DET 1 CO D 1 BN 147 AVN	7	Clinton	Grand Ledge	48,979
DET 1 CO E 1 BN 147 AVN	7	Clinton	Grand Ledge	22,131
DET 1 HHC 1 BN 147 AVN	7	Clinton	Grand Ledge	16,951
DET 1 1463 TRANS CO	7	Jackson	Jackson	82,258
1462ND TC COMP	8	Livingston	Howell	837,950
263RD PSC DETACHMENT	8	Ingham	Lansing	75,494
HHC 746 MAINT BN	8	Ingham	Lansing	818,374
163 PERS SVC CO	8	Ingham	Lansing	240,856
DET 1 CO B 3RD BN 238TH AVN	10	Macomb	Selfridge Angb	467,562
QM CO(GS) (G42891)	10	Lapeer	Lapeer	244,137
AASF #2	10	Macomb	Selfridge Angb	902
HHD 1225TH SUPPORT BN (CORPS)	13	Wayne	Detroit	928,612
1072 MAINT CO (NON-DIV) (DS)	13	Wayne	Detroit	213,952
1072 MAINT CO REAR	13	Wayne	Detroit	192,041
272 RSG Total				21,232,149
46 MP CO (-) (HVY SCTY)	1	Dickinson	Kingsford	1,357,584
126 ARMY BAND	3	Kent	Wyoming	446,184
126 PRESS CAMP HQ	6	Kalamazoo	Augusta	273,249
HHD 146 MED EVAC BN	7	Clinton	Grand Ledge	747,829

MACOM UNIT	DISTRICT	COUNTY	City	Total
146 MD HHD EVAC REAR	7	Clinton	Grand Ledge	157,880
NET SIG CO (FIRES BDE UA)	7	Lenawee	Adrian	3,321
HHC 46 MP COMMAND	8	Ingham	Lansing	2,103,847
363 PERS SVC DET	8	Ingham	Lansing	379,453
363 AG DET PSD REAR	8	Ingham	Lansing	99,522
MI ARNG MED CMD	13	Wayne	Detroit	1,046,222
1171 AREA MED CO	13	Wayne	Detroit	772,816
1171 MD CO AREA MED REAR	13	Wayne	Detroit	138,928
46 MP CMD Total				7,526,834
DET 1 CO B 1 BN 125 IN(IN BCT)	1	Alpena	Alpena	53,127
CO C (-) 1 BN 125 INF (MECH)	1	Cheboygan	Cheboygan	270,455
DET 1 CO C 1 BN 125 INF (MECH)	1	Alpena	Alpena	137,797
CO C (-) 1-125 INF	1	Cheboygan	Cheboygan	7,124
CO B 1 BN 126 ARMOR	2	Manistee	Manistee	232,710
CO C 1 BN 126 ARMOR	2	Wexford	Cadillac	496,246
CO C BSTB 86 BDE	3	Kent	Wyoming	94,582
CO D 1 BN 125 INF (MECH)	3	Kent	Wyoming	549,742
CO D 237 FSB	3	Kent	Wyoming	177,100
HQ 1 BN 126 AR	3	Kent	Wyoming	2,292
HHC (-) 1 BN 126 ARMOR	3	Kent	Wyoming	1,297,547
BTRY B 1 BN 119 FA 155MM	4	Gratiot	Alma	665,207
CO E 1 BN 125 INF (MECH)	4	Mecosta	Big Rapids	721,360
125 IN BN 01 CO E REAR	4	Mecosta	Big Rapids	111,893
HHC 1 BN 125 INF E/W TOW	5	Genesee	Flint	1,509,437
BTRY B 1 BN 182 FA (MLRS)	5	Bay	Bay City	617,408
CO F 237 FSB	5	Bay	Bay City	117,588
HHD, ENGINEER BRIGADE	5	Genesee	Flint	538,024
119FA BN01 BTRY DET1 REAR	6	Kalamazoo	Augusta	0
SVC BTRY 1 BN 119 FA (155 SP)	6	Kalamazoo	Augusta	397,897
119 FSC	6	Kalamazoo	Augusta	185,370
CO A 1 BN 126 ARMOR	6	VanBuren	South Haven	385,150
CO D 1 BN 126 ARMOR	6	Cass	Dowagiac	404,182
63D TRP CMD	7	Jackson	Jackson	1,132,501
BTRY C 1 BN 119 FA 155MM	7	Eaton	Charlotte	865,024
1461 TRANS CO (CBT HET CO)	7	Jackson	Jackson	1,725,562
HHB 1 BN 119 FA (155 SP)	8	Ingham	Lansing	1,460,030
119 FA BN 01 HHB 155 SP FWD2	8	Ingham	Lansing	9,067
119 FA BN 1 HHB 155 SP FWD 4	8	Ingham	Lansing	0
CO B 1 BN 125 IN REGT (MECH)	8	Saginaw	Saginaw	192,246
125 IN BN 01 CO B REAR	8	Saginaw	Saginaw	224,992
BTRY C 1 BN 182 FA (MLRS)	8	Ingham	Lansing	440,162
250TH MI BN (AUG)	10	Macomb	Selfridge ANGB	126,967



MACOM UNIT	DISTRICT	COUNTY	City	Total
CO F 425 INF (250 MI BN)	10	Macomb	Selfridge ANGB	1,019,134
BTRY A(-) 1 BN 119 FA (155 SP)	10	St. Clair	Port Huron	484,904
182 FWD SPT CO	13	Wayne	Detroit	137,735
CO A (-) 1 BN 125 INF	13	Wayne	Detroit	633,506
BTRY A 1 BN 182 FA (MLRS)	13	Wayne	Detroit	733,558
182 FA BN 01 BTRY A FWD	13	Wayne	Detroit	23,114
PBO 1/182 FA	13	Wayne	Detroit	29,050
182 FA BN 01 BTRY A REAR	13	Wayne	Detroit	56,063
HHSB 1BN 182 FA (MLRS)	13	Wayne	Detroit	1,192,073
CO B BSTB 37 BDE UA	15	Washtenaw	Ypsilanti	128,644
63RD BRIGADE Total				19,586,569
1439 ENGR DET	1	Crawford	Camp Grayling	327,221
1433 QM DET	1	Marquette	Ishpeming	381
107 EN BN CO B FWD2	1	Gogebic	Ironwood	11,705
1438 ENGR DET (UTIL (4000) TM)	1	Crawford	Camp Grayling	384,718
1439 ENGR DET (FFTG TM)	1	Crawford	Camp Grayling	704
1439 ENGR DET (FFTG TM)	1	Crawford	Camp Grayling	135,909
1440 ENGR DET (FFTG TM)	1	Crawford	Camp Grayling	163,669
1442 EN DET (EFFT)	1	Crawford	Grayling	54,543
1434 EN CO (VERT)	1	Crawford	Camp Grayling	18,874
HHD 507 ENGR BN REAR DET	1	Crawford	Camp Grayling	70,438
MATES	1	Crawford	Grayling	2,917,241
745 ORD DET (EOD)	1	Crawford	Camp Grayling	175,937
1436 EN CO (HORZ)	2	Muskegon	Montague	192,891
1436 ENGR CO (CBT SPT EQ)	2	Muskegon	Montague	432,751
CO C 156 SIG BN CORPS SPT-MSE	3	Kent	Wyoming	525,820
126 AR BN 1 HVY DIV HHC FWD	3	Kent	Wyoming	8,379
126 AR BN 01 HHC FWD7	3	Kent	Wyoming	23,904
1435 ENGR CO	4	Midland	Midland	780,457
HHD 507 ENGR GP	6	Kalamazoo	Kalamazoo	400,888
CO A 156 SIG BN CORPS SPT-MSE	6	Kalamazoo	Kalamazoo	658,551
DET 1 1434 ENG CO (VERT)	6	Kalamazoo	Augusta	12,819
1433 EN CO (SAPPER)	6	Kalamazoo	Augusta	5,076
HHD 507 ENGR BN (ADMIN TM)	6	Kalamazoo	Kalamazoo	1,766,352
HSC 507 ENGR BN	6	Kalamazoo	Kalamazoo	441,046
CO B (-) 156 SIG BN	7	Lenawee	Adrian	353,538
HQ 156 SIG BN	15	Washtenaw	Ypsilanti	990,450
HQ 156 SIG BN	15	Washtenaw	Ypsilanti	74,158
DET 1 CO B 156 SIG BN	15	Monroe	Monroe	196,438
CO D 156 SIG BN CORPS SPT-MSE	15	Washtenaw	Ypsilanti	626,019
HHC 156 SIG BN (CORPS SPT-MSE)	15	Washtenaw	Ypsilanti	500,040
EN BDE, 38 ID Total				12,250,921

MACOM UNIT	DISTRICT	COUNTY	City	Total
CO B RECRUIT SUSTAINMENT DET	1	Crawford	Grayling	192,474
CO C RECRUIT SUSTAINMENT BN	1	Marquette	Gwinn	76,311
OMS 24	2	Muskegon	Montague	247,475
HQ 1/125 INF	5	Genesee	Flint	0
OMS 3	5	Genesee	Flint	619,962
FORT CUSTER TRNG SITE CMD	6	Kalamazoo	Augusta	1,468,037
51ST CIVIL SUPPORT DET (WMD)	6	Kalamazoo	Augusta	1,319,732
PSC/UTES	6	Kalamazoo	Augusta	1,112,022
OMS 15	6	Cass	Dowagiac	284,522
CO A RECRUIT SUSTAINMENT DET	6	Kalamazoo	Augusta	487,300
631 TROOP COMD	7	Clinton	Grand Ledge	126,555
MI ARNG REC & RET CMD	8	Ingham	Lansing	14,398,386
USPFO	8	Ingham	Lansing	277,363
USPFO	8	Ingham	Lansing	1,115,566
DET 15, OP SPT AIRLIFT CMD	8	Ingham	Lansing	196,157
RAID DETACHMENT	8	Ingham	Lansing	89,308
HQ STARC	8	Ingham	Lansing	2,137,460
DET 1 JFHQ (SEL SVC)	8	Ingham	Lansing	499,571
JFHQ (-) MI ARNG	8	Ingham	Lansing	75,681,705
MI ARNG ELE JFHQ FWD 9	8	Ingham	Lansing	203
MI ARNG ELE JFHQ FWD 10	8	Ingham	Lansing	93
MI ARNG ELE JFHQ FWD 11	8	Ingham	Lansing	3,796
W8AC MI ARNG ELE JFHQ FWD 24	8	Ingham	Lansing	476
CSMS	8	Ingham	Lansing	6,571,419
OMS 6	10	Macomb	Selfridge ANGB	862,688
W779 MI DET 24 MED DET FWD 126	13	Wayne	Detroit	0
CO D RECRUIT SUSTAINMENT DET	13	Wayne	Detroit	210,912
W8AC MI ARNG JFHQ ELE FWD 31	13	Wayne	Detroit	0
<b>JFHQ Total</b>				<b>107,979,493</b>
MTC	1	Crawford	Grayling	5,296,715
MTC Total				5,296,715
<b>Grand Total</b>				<b>368,099,529</b>







Back cover: Pictured are the Michigan Army National Guard Fallen Heroes from Oct. 1, 2005 - Sept. 30, 2006. The heroes are portrayed on a backdrop which is the Great Lakes National Cemetery in Holly Township, which was dedicated in fiscal year 2006. This is Michigan's second national cemetery in the state.

Photo by Rick Anderson, Director of Great Lakes National Cemetery, illustration by Master Sgt. Denice Rankin

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# Honoring Michigan's service members from all military components who died during fiscal year 2006 in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom and Operation Enduring Freedom.

## Branch, Rank, Name, Hometown, Unit of Servicemen, and Date of Death

USMC Cpl. Nicholas O. Cherava, Ontonagon, 2nd Battalion, 2nd Marine Regiment, 2nd Marine Division, Oct. 6, 2005

USA Pfc. Nicholas J. Greer, Monroe, 3rd Bn, 504th Parachute Regiment, 82nd Airborne Division, Oct. 7, 2005

USA Staff Sgt. Vincent E. Summers, South Haven, 2nd Battalion, 69th Armor Regiment, 3rd Inf. Division, Fort Benning, Oct. 15, 2005

USA Staff Sgt. Lewis J. Gentry, Detroit, 94th Engineer Battalion, Vilseck, Germany, Oct. 26, 2005

USMC Sgt. Michael P. Hodshire, North Adams, 2nd Battalion, 2nd Marine Regiment, 2nd Marine Division, Oct. 30, 2005

USMC Maj Gerald M. Bloomfield II, Ypsilanti, Marine Light-Attack Helicopter Squadron 369, Camp Pendleton, Nov. 3, 2005

ARNG Spc. Timothy D. Brown, Cedar Springs, 1st Battalion, 125th Infantry Regiment, Saginaw, Nov. 4, 2005

USA 1st Lt. Justin S. Smith, Lansing, 3rd Squadron, 3rd Armored Cavalry Regiment, Fort Carson, Nov. 7, 2005

USA Master Sgt. Anthony R. C. Yost, Flint, 3rd Battalion, 3rd Special Forces Group, Fort Bragg, Nov. 19, 2005

ARNG Pfc. John W. Dearing, Hazel Park, 1st Battalion, 125th Infantry Regiment, Saginaw, Mich., Nov. 21, 2005

USMC Lance Cpl. David A. Huhn, Portland, 2nd Battalion, 7th Marine Regiment, 1st Marine Division, Dec. 1, 2005

USMC Lance Cpl. Craig N. Watson, Union City, 2nd Battalion, 7th Marine Regiment, 1st Marine Div, Dec. 1, 2005

ARNG Sgt. Spencer C. Akers, Traverse City, 1st Battalion, 125th Infantry Regiment, Saginaw, Mich., Dec. 8, 2005

USA Spc. Anthony O. Cardina, Muskegon, 3rd Sqd, 7th Cavalry Regiment, 3rd Infantry Division, Fort Stewart, Dec. 25, 2005

ARNG Spc. Dane O. Carver, Freeport, 1st Bn, 125th Infantry Regiment, Saginaw, Mich., Dec. 26, 2005

USMC Lance Cpl. Jason T. Little, Climax, 2nd Tank Battalion, 2nd Marine Division, II Marine Expeditionary Force, Jan. 7, 2006

USA Spc. Walter B. Howard II, Rochester, 1st Battalion, 8th Infantry Regiment, 4th Infantry Division, Fort Carson, Feb. 2, 2006

USMC Cpl. Ross A. Smith, Wyoming, 3rd Battalion, 5th Regiment, 1st Marine Division, Feb. 9, 2006

USA Staff Sgt. Curtis T. Howard II, Ann Arbor, 1st Battalion, 8th Infantry. Regiment, 4th Infantry Division, Fort Carson, Feb. 22, 2006

USA Pfc. Alan A. Morr, Byron, 1st Bn, 327th Infantry Regiment, 101st Division, Fort Campbell, Feb. 22, 2006

ARNG Sgt. Joshua V. Youmans, Flushing, 1st Battalion, 125th Infantry Regiment, Saginaw, Mich., March 1, 2007

USA Cpl. Nyle Yates III, Lake Odessa, 3rd Battalion, 187th Infantry Regiment, 101st Division, Fort Campbell, March 16, 2006

USA Spc. Andrew K. Waits, Waterford, 1st Battalion, 502nd Infantry Regiment, 101st Division, Fort Campbell, April 14, 2006

ARNG Sgt. Matthew A. Webber, Kalamazoo, 1st Battalion, 125th Infantry Regiment, Saginaw, Mich., April 27, 2006

USA Spc. Brock L. Bucklin, Grand Rapids, 1st Battalion, 68th Armor Regiment, 4th Infantry Division, Fort Carson, May 31, 2006

USA Cpl. Alexander J. Kolasa, White Lake, 704th Main Support Battalion, 4th Brigade, 4th Inf Division, Fort Hood, May 31, 2006

USMC Lance Cpl. Brandon J. Webb, Swartz Creek, 1st Battalion, 1st Marine Regiment, 1st Marine Division, June 20, 2006

USMC Staff Sgt. Raymond J. Plouhar, Lake Orion, 3rd Battalion, 5th Marine Regiment, 1st Marine Division, June 26, 2006

USA Spc. Joseph P. Micks, Rapid River, 54th Engineer Battalion, 130th Engineer Brigade, July 8, 2006

ARNG Sgt. Duane J. Dreasky, Novi, 1st Battalion, 119th Field Artillery, Lansing, Mich., July 10, 2006

USA Sgt. Al'kaila T. Floyd, Grand Rapids, 54th Engineer Battalion, 130th Engineer Brigade, Bamberg, Germany, July 13, 2006

USA Staff Sgt. Michael A. Dickinson II, Battle Creek, 9th Psychological Operations Bn, Fort Bragg, July 17, 2006

USA Spc. Dennis K. Samson Jr., Hesperia, 1st Battalion, 506th Infantry Regiment, 101st Airborne Division, July 24, 2006

USA 1st Sgt. Aaron D. Jagger, Hillsdale, 1st Battalion, 37th Armor Regiment, 1st Armor Division, Aug. 9, 2006

USA Sgt. Gabriel G. DeRoo, Paw Paw, 2nd Bn, 3rd Infantry Regiment, 2nd Infantry Division, Fort Lewis, Aug. 20, 2006

USN Chief Petty Officer Paul J. Darga, Lansing, Explosive Ordnance Disp. Unit Two, 1st Marine Logistics Group, Aug. 22, 2006

USA Staff Sgt. Eugene H. E. Alex, Bay City, 4th Squadron, 14th Cavalry Regiment, 172nd Stryker Brigade, Sept. 2, 2006

USA Sgt. Ralph N. Porras, Merrill, 1st Battalion, 325th Infantry Regiment, 82nd Airborne Division, Sept. 2, 2006

USA Sgt. Jeremy E. DePottey, Ironwood, 1st Bn, 32nd Infantry Regiment, 10th Mountain Division., Fort Drum, Sept. 11, 2006





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Killed in action Nov. 21, 2005



**Sgt. Spencer C. Akers**  
Co B, 1st Battalion, 125th Infantry  
Killed in action Dec. 8, 2005



**Spc. Timothy D. Brown**  
Co B, 1st Battalion, 125th Infantry  
Killed in action Nov. 4, 2005



**Spc. Dane O. Carver**  
Co B, 1st Battalion, 125th Infantry  
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1st Battalion, 119th Field Artillery  
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